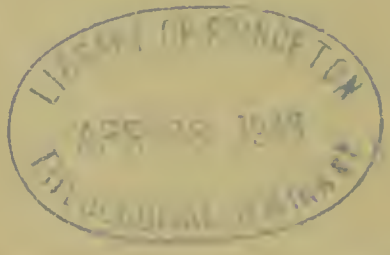

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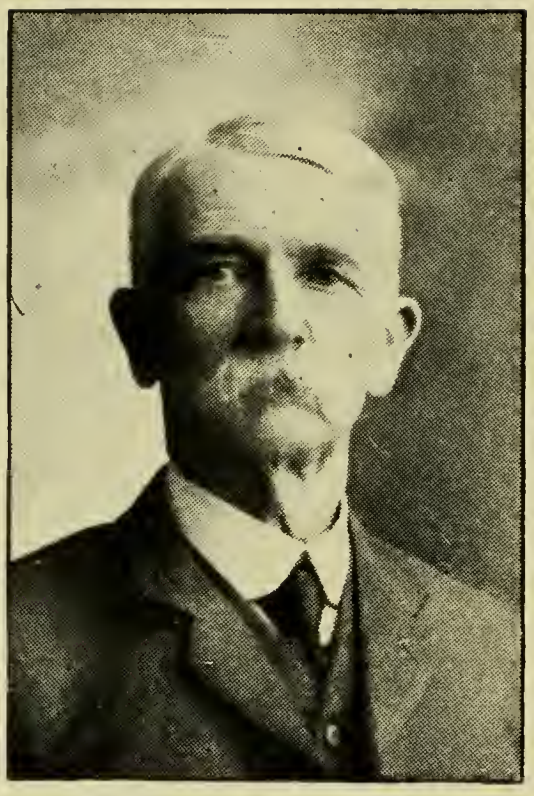

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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Sparta, Illinois, May 25, 1904.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment in the Bethel R. P. Church, at 2 P. M., and in the absence of the Moderator, A. Kilpatrick, was constituted with prayer by the former moderator, W. W. Carithers.

The hearing of the Moderator's sermon was postponed for the present.

The roll was called, and having been completed, is as follows;

ROLL

COLORADO.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
Denver		A. F. Atchison
Evans	J. Milligan Wylie	D. S. Ellis
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald, S.S.†	
	James Patton	

ILLINOIS.

Bloomington	George R. Steele*	James Moore
Oakdale	J. C. French	John Boyd
Old Bethel	E. A. Crooks	L. M. Patterson
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	James Torrens
Staunton	G. W. Benn	William Francey
Princeton	D. C. Matthews*	A. L. McConahy
Bethel	D. S. Faris	R. J. Miller
Selma	S. F. Kingston†	J. H. Pickens†
Church Hill		R. K. Wisely
	J. G. Reed†	

†Not present at the constitution of the Court.

*Ordained since last meeting.

IOWA.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
Chicago	Robert Clarke	Joseph M. Wylie†
Hopkinton	Louis Meyer	Hunter M. Johnston
Lake Reno		J. K. Elsey
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	S. E. McElhinney
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	William G. Martin
Sharon		J. P. Baird†
Vernon		E. J. Dewey
Washington	W. C. Allen†	Wilson Dougherty†
	Isaiah Faris	

KANSAS.

Beulah	J. S. McGaw†	J. M. Adams
Billings	W. C. Paden, S. S.†	J. W. Young†
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers	David Popoweetie
Clarinda	J. W. Dill	J. C. Glasgow
Denison		George C. Robb
Eskridge	James McCune	Samuel F. Dill
Hebron	W. S. Fulton†	John T. Sanderson†
Kansas City	A. J. McFarland Jr.†	
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	James Campbell
Olathe	George A. Edgar	Thompson Moore
Quinter	G. R. McBurney, S.S.	
Sterling		William A. Edgar
Superior	S. J. Johnston	R. W. Gilchrist
Tabor	S. E. Greer*	J. C. Woodside
Topeka	E. M. Coleman, S.S.	J. R. Magee†
Wahoo	M. A. Gault	John Birnie
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	W. R. Curry

LAKES.

Belle Center	J. M. Faris, S. S.†	J. G. McConnell
Bellefontaine		
Cedar Lake	C. McLeod Smith	H. G. Judson
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson†	W. R. Sterrett†
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack†	W. J. Poole
Fair Grove	T. C. Sproull	
Hetherton	E. G. Elsey	
Southfield		William Hanna†
United Miami	R. Hargrave	T. C. Speer

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	
St. John	W. T. K. Thompson†	
Barnesville		

†Not present at the constitution of the Court. *Ordained since last meeting

NEW YORK.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
First Boston	Samuel McNaugher	
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	Geo. A. Calderwood†
Bovina	T. M. Slater†	John A. Russell†
Brooklyn		Samuel Carmichael
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	S. F. Arnott†
First Newburg	J. W. F. Carlisle†	Samuel Dunlap†
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	James Dow, Sr.
Third New York	F. M. Foster	
Fourth New York	I. A. Blackwood	
Walton	R. C. Reed	B. M. Thomson†
West Hebron	T. A. McElwain	
White Lake	John H. Pitchard	
	S. R. Wallace	
	A. I. Robb	
	S. G. Shaw	

OHIO.

Jonathan's Creek	J. C. Slater	
Muskingum & Tomica		James Stitt†
Utica,		R. A. Adams†

PHILADELPHIA.

First Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	
Second Philadelphia	J. C. McFeeters	
Third Philadelphia	R. C. Montgomery	Jos. M. Steele†
	Moses Greenberg	

PITTSBURGH.

Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	S. M. Orr†
Bear Run & Mah., Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey*	James Graham
Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	J. B. McKaig
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull†	
College Hill	R. H. Martin†	John A. Dodds
East End	D. C. Martin	J. S. Dodds, M. D.
Geneva	H. G. Foster†	J. C. Dodds
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie†	J. A. Forsythe
McKeesport and Monongahela	B. M. Sharp	John Parkhill
Mercer	W. J. McKnight	S. R. Rodgers
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	R. D. Scott,†
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	S. C. Patterson
New Castle	J. S. Martin	D. C. Pattison
North Union		A. A. Dickey
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick†	T. A. Hamilton
Union		S. O. Sterrett, M. D.

†Not present at the constitution of the Court.

*Ordained since last meeting.

PITTSBURGH.—Continued.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	D. S. Gailey
Pittsburgh	D. McAllister	J. S. Tibby
Slippery Rock	J. R. Latimer	
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie†	R. J. Ward
Youngstown		J. W. Wilson
	T. J. Allen	
	H. Easson†	
	J. C. K. Faris	
	H. H. George†	
	R. J. George	
	W. P. Johnston†	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	D. B. Willson	
	ROCHESTER.	
Almonte	P. P. Boyd	J. W. Rose
Lochiel	W. G. Robb*	
Syracuse	G. M. Robb†	James Park
York	J. B. Gilmore	R. J. Cullings
	William McFarland	
	VERMONT.	
Barnet	D. C. Faris	

Ministers Absent: T. H. Acheson, J. M. Armour, J. R. W. Stevenson, Hugh McCarroll, J. M. Littlejohn R. A. Paden, J. T. Wilson, H. P. McClurkin, J. Ralston Wylie, J. Boggs Dodds, J. McCracken, W. M. George, J. R. Thompson, T. A. Rusk, A. A. Samson, P. H. Wylie, A. W. Johnston. E. F. Sherman, R. J. G. McKnight, E. L. McKnight, J. R. Baird, J. F. Crozier, R. C. Allen, John Galbraith, J. J. McClurkin, J. L. McCartney, R. J. Isaac, J. L. Pinkerton, D. J. Shaw, A. M. Thompson, J. C. Taylor, George Kennedy and Missionaries J. K. Robb, C. A. Dodds, R. J. Dodds, J. S. Stewart.—36.

Congregations not represented: La Junta, Seattle, Canon City, Kortright, Hickory Grove, Holmwood, Cambridge, Second Newburgh, Londonderry, New Concord, North Salem, Baltimore, Adamsville and Middletown, Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburg, Salem, Lisbon, Sterling, N. Y., Craftsbury, Ryegate.—20.

Names dropped from the roll: By death, N. R. Johnston, D. D., G. P. Raitt, T. P. Robb, D. D.

Mission Stations: Oakland, Conococheague, Jewish (Phila.), Centerville.

T. C. Sproull was chosen Moderator, W. J. Coleman, Clerk, and J. C. French continued Assistant Clerk.

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A. I. Robb, on behalf of the missionaries in China, presented the Moderator with a gavel made of "lai" wood taken from the door-sill of the native house at Tak Hing Chau in which the first missionaries of this Church to China lived for several years.

G. W. Benn, J. B. Gilmore, M. M. Pearce and J. H. Pritchard were appointed reporters.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The report was recommitted.

It was decided that the sermon of the retiring Moderator be heard this evening at eight o'clock in the Auditorium.

The local Committee on arrangements were requested to meet with the Committee on the Order of Business and unite in a report to Synod.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. The report was recommitted with instructions.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1.—Committee on Revision of the Psalter. The Committee reported and the report was taken up item by item for adoption. All the items were adopted, the second being referred to the Committee on Finance. The report was adopted as a whole as follows:

The Revision of the Psalter.

The Committee appointed to take part in preparing a uniform version of the Psalms in meter would respectfully report that since the last meeting of this Synod we have held two meetings, the first at Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y., September 9 to 16, 1903, and the second at Philadelphia, April 13 to 21, 1904. Representatives of all the nine co-operating churches were present at these meetings and worked together with their usual zeal and steady energy. Psalms 1 to 35 were revised for the second time at the first meeting and 36 to 72, omitting the 51st and 70th and 71st, at the second. The Joint Committee grows more critical with the progress of the work, and what was at first passed without remark, now, in many instances, receives careful attention. This accounts for the delay in the completion of the work, and it also affords increasing confidence that the revision will be worthy of acceptance when it is completed.

It is expected that this revision will be laid before you at the next meeting of the Synod. This will not be for acceptance, but for criticism and suggestions, and a year later, it is hoped, the revised Psalter will be ready for final action. There will be about the same number of second versions in this as in our Scotch version and these will be of the Psalms in most frequent use. Your Committee, as we reported last year, is not always unanimous in the matters coming before us, nor do we always agree

with conclusions reached. We say this that you may understand that there are often decisions to be made which try your representatives and also that you may know that the work is not being passed over in a careless manner. It is greatly to be regretted that all our Committee are not able to be present at all our meetings.

We submit herewith the annual report of the Joint Committee. We recommend:

1. That this Synod continue to co-operate in this work.

2. That we grant $25 instead of $15 to this work in order that each minister of the Synod may receive a copy of the Revision submitted for examination, the appropriation to be paid as before from the Literary Fund.

3. That the importance of this work to the Church of Christ renders it fitting that the prayers of God's people be offered for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in the preparation of the divinely ordained book of praise.

W. J. Coleman.
T. P. Stevenson.
David McAllister.

Item 2.—Committee to report on distribution of Home Mission and Sustentation Funds. The Committee reported and the report was laid on the table for the present.

Item 3.—Committee to report on the preparation of a Digest of Law and revision of the Book of Discipline. The Committee reported and the report was laid on the table for the present.

The report on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

The hours for the sessions of Synod were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 M. and 2 to 5 P. M.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted a revised report. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Report on Order of Business.

Your Committee respectfully report as follows:

Wednesday, May 25th, 2 P. M.—Constitution of court. Calling and completing of roll. Election of officers. Reports of standing committees: On Order of Business, on Devotional Exercises, on Unfinished Business. Receiving of papers.

Evening, 8 P. M.—Moderator's sermon.

Thursday, May 26th, 9 A. M.—Appointing of committees. Reports of standing committees: On Signs of the Times, on State of Religion, on Testimony Bearing. Reports of Boards: Of Sustentation, of Church Erection.

2 P. M.—Reports of Boards: Of Superintendents of Theological Seminary, of Trustees of Synod, of Foreign Missions, of Central Board of Missions.

Friday, May 27, 9 A. M.—Reports of standing committees:

On Sabbath, Secret Societies, Trustees of Geneva College, Synod's Treasurer, Mission Conference, Board of Control.

2 P. M.—Reports of Presbyteries. Report on Statistics and Presbyterial Reports. Report of Standing Committee on Evangelistic Work, on Temperance.

Saturday, May 28, 9 A. M.—Report of Board of Corporators of Geneva College. Reports of standing committees: On Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, Psalmody, Systematic Beneficence.

Monday, May 30, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees: On Records of Presbyteries, Foreign Missions, Home Missions.

2 P. M.—Reports of Committees: On Theological Seminary and Education, Sustentation and Church Erection, National Reform, Discipline.

Tuesday, May 31, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees: On Foreign Correspondence, Finance, Supplies, Traveling Fund, Nominations. Respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH FARIS,
R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
R. J. MCISAAC,
JOHN KILPATRICK,
J. H. BRAUM.

It was resolved that the Synod adjourn at 3.30. P. M. on Thursday to attend a reception tendered by the ladies of the congregation. R. M. Sommerville dissented from this action as being a deliberate misappropriation of time that is not our own.

It was decided to hold a business session on Saturday from 2 to 4 P. M.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted a revised report. The report was received, amended and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommend that the last thirty minutes of the first session of Synod—and the same length of time of the morning session of the subsequent days of Synod be employed in conference and prayer. That all exercises be very brief.

We suggest the following programme:

Wednesday.—J. A. Forsythe to preside. Special prayer for Conviction of Sin, and for growth in Vital Godliness.

Thursday.—J. S Tibby to preside. Prayer for increased devotion to duty and for greater liberality in the support of the Kingdom of Christ.

Friday.—S. E. McElhinney to preside. Prayer for the Coming of the Kingdom and the Success of all Reforms.

Saturday.—Geo. C. Robb to preside. Prayer for the divine blessing to attend the preaching of the Word and for the success of evangelistic work.

Monday.—T. C. Speer to preside. Prayer for the success of Foreign Missions.

Tuesday.—J. S. Dodds to preside. Prayer for a Revival.

J. R. Wylie,
J. A. Black,
J. R. W. Stevenson,
W. R. Gilmore,
F. Bartholomew.

The time of this session was extended twenty-five minutes for devotional exercises.

Devotional Exercises were engaged in, J. A. Forsythe leading.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. W. J. Smiley, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod) Sparta

Synod adjourned with prayer by S. G. Shaw.

EVENING SESSION.

Auditorium, Sparta, Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock.—Synod convened according to order and the retiring Moderator, Rev. A. Kilpatrick, D. D., preached a sermon based on Isaiah 43:21 "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise."

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met at 9 A M., Sparta, Ill., May 26, 1904, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. French, Elsey E. G., and Elsey, E. M., were absent but soon came in.

D. S. Faris and E. A. Crooks were granted optional attendance.

Announcements were made of the death of T. P. Robb, N. R. Johnston and G. P. Raitt.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Discipline.—G. A. Edgar, C. M. Smith, I. A. Blackwood, T. C. Speer, Wm. Martin.

Finance.—T. P. Stevenson, Robert Clarke, W. C. Allen, J. G. McConnell, Samuel Dill.

Foreign Correspondence.—F. M. Foster, W. W. Carithers, J. R. Wylie, D. C. Pattison.

Foreign Missions.—R. C. Wylie, R. H. Martin, E. A. Crooks, S. O. Sterrett, S. E. McElhinney.

Home Missions.—J. S. Martin, J. S. McGaw, Louis Meyer, Wilson Dougherty, J. W. Wilson.

Nominations.—S. J. Crowe, S. McNaugher, D. C. Faris, D. S. Gailey, J. P. Baird.

Supplies.—J. S. Thompson, P. P. Boyd, Jas. McCune, Hunter Johnston, J. C. Dodds.

Sustentation and Church Erection.—R. C. Montgomery, J. W. Dill, Isaiah Faris, Alvin A. Dickey, E. I. Dewey.

Theological Seminary and Education.—R. M. Sommerville, J. A. Black, F. M. Wilson, J. S. Dodds, J. S. Tibby.

Traveling Fund.—R. Hargrave, with the financial agent of each Presbytery.

National Reform.—S. G. Shaw, D. McAllister, C. D. Trumbull, John A. Dodds, J. Knox Elsey.

On Records of Presbyteries.

Colorado.—S. J. Johnston, J C. Slater, Jas. A. Forsythe.
Illinois.—E M. Coleman, Wm. McFarland, T. A. Hamilton.
Iowa.- E. G. Elsey, S. G. Conner, John Birnie.
Kansas.—R J. Gault, J. H. Pritchard, S. C. Patterson.
Lakes.—H G. Foster, G. M. Robb, Jas. Graham.
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.—G. W. Benn, T. A. McElwain, Wm. Poole.
New York.—M. A. Gault, Ernest M. Elsey, G. C. Robb.
Ohio.—T J. Allen, Thos. Patton, Jno. Parkhill.
Philadelphia.—D. C. Faris, G. R. McBurney, Wm. Hanna.
Pittsburgh.—A. I. Robb, W. J. Sanderson, J. R. Magee.
Rochester.—H Easson, B. M. Sharp, W. R Curry.
Vermont.—A. Kilpatrick, R. C. Reed, H. G. Judson.

The sermon of the retiring Moderator was requested for publication.

The nomination of committees to prepare memorials of deceased ministers was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

R. D. Scott was chosen precentor of this Synod.

Papers were called for and the following were laid on the table:

Paper No 1.—Report of the Women's Association in charge of the Aged People's Home. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 2.—Communication from the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Referred to the Committee on Finance and also to a Special Committee to be nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

Papers Nos. 3-13.—Reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 14.—Resignation of Walter T. Miller. Same reference.

Paper No. 15.—Petition of Martha Cannon with respect to Greensburg Church property with accompanying papers. Same reference.

Paper No. 16.—Proposal for closer co-operation with various Presbyterian Churches. Laid on the Table.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. C. C. Kyle, Preston, Ill., of the United Presbyterian Church.

Paper No. 17.—Communication from the Anti-Saloon League. Laid on the table.

Paper No. 18.—Communication from the Northwest Sabbath Association. Referred to the Committee on the Sabbath.

Paper No. 19.—Report of John T. Morton, Treasurer. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 4.—Laid on the table for the present.

Item 5.—The delegate, C. McLeod Smith, reported no opportunity to act. Report accepted and appointment continued.

Item 6.—The Committee reported. The report was accepted and adopted and the appointment continued. The report is as follows:

Your Committee to co-operate with a similar one from the Christian Reformed Church in moral reform work, report, that our efforts in this direction, like previous ones, have been crowned with but partial success. Repeated attempts were made before we learned whether there was any committee with which we could co-operate. On becoming acquainted with the ends to be secured in this appointment it was found that the committees had but little in common.

Endeavoring to carry out the will of Synod, some effort was put forth to secure the aid of brethren in the Christian Reform Church in reform work. This aid was rendered, and more especially in the Iowa National Reform Convention. These brethren are not conversant with our lines of reform work, and it will be some time before any co-operation can be secured. This desired result must necessarily be limited also by the few instances in which congregations of the two bodies are situated near enough to be mutually helpful.

Your committee regard the efforts at co-operation sufficiently promising to warrant following up the work. Our brethren of the sister denomination are very kindly disposed toward our body, and, without suggestion of it on our part, freely expressed the hope that ultimately there may be effected an organic union of these two bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McLeod Smith,
T. C. Sproull,
C. D. Trumbull,
John C. McCandless,
Hunter Johnston.

Item 7.—Attended to.

Item 8.—Attended to.

Item 9.—The report laid on the table for the present.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Clerk, S. G. Shaw, for his faithful and efficient work during his term of office.

Item 10.—Attended to.

The report on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

Presbyteries were given leave to meet.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Signs of the Times.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times would respectfully report the following:

CAUSES OF THANKSGIVING.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." The members of the Covenanter Church have special reasons for praising God for their Saviour and their Redeemer-King. While a witness-

ing church, yet we have the personal side of our religion beautifully emphasized. We are thankful for the Church of Christ and for our place among the sisterhood of churches. We are thankful for our beloved people and for our Covenanter fellowship. We are thankful for a great mission as a denomination. We are thankful for an open door which no man can shut as we are privileged to carry to the nations and to the different churches the truth concerning Christ our King. We thank God for the confidence we have that those whose presence is no longer with us are now at rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. We thank Him for His many true friends in all branches of the church, and for the great number of such earnest men and women. We rejoice in the Bible and in its list of friends who are courageous and faithful. We are thankful for all the aggressiveness manifested at home and abroad in evangelistic and missionary and reform work. We thank God for the Christian Sabbath and for Christian homes. We thank Him for daily food that has come to us through Jesus Christ. Day by day He gives us our daily bread. He has crowned the year with His goodness and His paths drop fatness. We thank God and do so in a most joyful manner, making mention of His praises.

That our thanksgiving may be definite and united, Synod appoints the usual day of National Thanksgiving in November, as a day of Thanksgiving to be observed by the congregations under its care.

CAUSES OF FASTING.

The year just closing has been a backward one, seemingly, in the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is especially true in our own country. Materialism and secularism and worldliness and love of pleasure are carrying us away from God. Honest inquiry reveals to us a low spiritual condition. While there seems to be activity and aggressiveness in some quarters in the church, yet indifference is widespread and fundamental. We lament this growth of impiety.

That God is not well pleased with us as a nation is made clear by the awful calamities which have come upon the land during the past year. The great loss of life in the Chicago theatre fire caused even the play-going public to halt and consider. The commercial world was made to see its insignificance and utter helplessness in the great calamity which came upon Baltimore. Thus God placed His hand upon the great sin of our American people, theatre going, and then upon a godless spirit of Commercialism, which is destroying all that is spiritual in our midst. These among other things are abominations in the sight of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is greatly displeased with us as a nation and it becomes our rulers and all of us together to halt and repent with fasting, that our land may be spared. We lament this national sin in its attitude to the King of kings. Not only has the nation sinned but we as a church have come short of His glory. He has spoken to us in no uncertain manner. Several of our leaders in the work have been smitten and they are not.

The sore trial and bereavement which has come to our mission in China is felt by all. The sickness and death among the ministers in the home field are all matters for serious reflection. All these things should give us pause and yet, with hearts aglow in love to God we should confidently rest in Him.

Synod, therefore, appoints the Thursday of the week of Prayer in January, as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, to be observed by the congregations under its care.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MCNAUGHER,
D. C. FARIS,
WM. C. PADEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

State of Religion.

A fundamental test of the religious life of any people is their attitude to the Word of God. The first of a series of questions addressed to congregations and mission stations of the church, upon the answers to which this report is based was the following: "So far as you know, do all the members of your congregation believe in the inspiration of all the sixty-six books of the Bible?" In reply to this there came from all the congregations which reported,—in all about two-thirds of the entire number—a unanimous affirmative. In a time when the authority of the Word is being assailed it is specially important to study it. Public study of the Bible has thus far been confined mainly to the Sabbath School and prayer meeting; though fifteen congregations report Bible study aside from this, more or less definitely organized. In at least three of these there is a regular normal class.

Very closely related to devotion to God's Word is loyalty to one's denominational profession; for this latter ought to be an acceptance of the Word as it is believed to apply to one's own time and circumstances. In its published testimony the Covenanter Church professes "an acknowledgement of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners." The Testimony further describes in considerable detail the application of the doctrines of the Word to the lives of the people. The members of the church are on repeated occasions required to renew their profession as contained in the Testimony. In view of these requirements one essential to intelligent loyalty to the church, is the possession by each family of a copy of the Testimony and of the Westminster Confession of Faith, the doctrines of which are an inseparable part of the Testimony. Only five congrega-

tions reported a copy of the Testimony and Confession in each home. Ten reported a copy of the Testimony in each home, and seven the Confession. Quite a number stated that nearly every family had a copy of each "so far as could be learned." Another considerable number reported that "nearly every family" possessed each. In the average congregation about seventy-five per cent of the families have one or both. One congregation reported that only twenty-five per cent of the families had a Testimony, and one that very few had either. One pastor informed us of the excellent custom of giving a copy of the Testimony and Confession to each person when uniting with the church unless there was already one in the home.

The Covenanter Church has a history which bears an important relation to its life and zeal. In years past literature dealing with the early struggles of the church was extensively read and made a deep impression. Eleven congregations reported some distinctly Covenanter literature, aside from the Testimony and Confession, in each home. In the definite reports the lowest was some such literature in one-fourth of the homes, and the average, some in about three-fourths. In twenty-four congregations each family has at least one denominational church paper. In all the other congregations a majority of the families, and in most cases a large majority take at least one denominational paper; with the exception of two which report one-half as taking a paper, one which reports one-fourth as taking one, and one congregation in the Indian Mission where none are taken by the people because they cannot at present read English.

All the reports except four show that the Shorter Catechism is taught in the Sabbath School, mainly to the children. In a goodly number of instances tithe-paying is slightly on the increase.

Another phase of church life which was felt to demand examination was the prayer meeting. One of the difficulties—we do not say the main one—in the way of holding successful prayer meetings is the widely scattered condition of many congregations. In years past this difficulty was quite successfully met by means of branch or cottage prayer meetings. These are not now so generally held. Twenty-five congregations, however, report branch prayer meetings, ranging in number from one to five. Young people's prayer meetings are still held in quite a large majority of the congregations, though some have fallen away. The prayer meeting attendance, taking all the different meetings together, is reported in one instance as low as ten per cent., while in a few cases the whole congregation attend. In the average case the attendance, taking all the meetings together, is a little more than one-half of the members. All the reports except twenty-one state that the week of prayer was observed. All but seven reports state

that Thanksgiving Day was observed, and all but seventeen the Synodical Fast day. In quite a number of instances the attendance was equal to an average Sabbath service, but in the majority less, and in some instances only half as large.

In regard to home mission work eighteen congregations report the carrying on of some definite work of this kind. One of the surest tests of genuine Christian character is willingness to seek to save others. In application of this test one question asked was this: "What proportion of the members voluntarily make a practice of speaking to unsaved persons about Christ?" In recording some of the replies we will begin at the less encouraging and rise. Among this class are these: "None," "Small," "I think none," "Very few," "I think not more than two or three members," "So far as I know ten per cent. do, but hardly make it a practice," "Not many. The matter was discussed at last prayer meeting. Some seemed to regard it as rather a delicate subject." Some of the more encouraging answers are these: "Cannot tell. but know of a considerable number," "Twenty per cent.," "one-half," at least fifty per cent.," and one other report states "Very few of the members fail to do this."

The state of the church with reference to Testimony and National Reform work is indicated in the fact that something, aside from the giving of contributions, has been done the past year in behalf of one or both of these phases of work in about half the congregations. Meetings ranging in number from one to four were arranged by various congregations, while in two instances there were as many as twelve.

In regard to the great work of missions, inquiry brings the information that there is a goodly degree of missionary spirit, with only a few exceptions, in all the congregations; though quite a number report that all the people are not acquainted as they should be with the various fields of our church. Those who are intelligently acquainted with the fields are reported as being as a rule interested in all the fields, not merely in certain ones, though there is some favoritism.

From the foregoing facts we believe the religious character of the people of our church is a ground for gratitude. But it is also equally plain that as a people our steadfastness is much greater than our aggressiveness. A people who, in this day of disregard of divine truth, reply without an exception that they believe in the full inspiration and supreme authority of the Bible have a great responsibility; to use the Word, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

We recommend the following:

1. That pastors keep constantly before the minds of the people the fact that true Christian character requires not only piety, but activity; and that nothing can take the place of personal speaking for Christ.

2. That sessions hold special meetings for prayer and conference for the purpose of increasing the spiritual activity of the officers constituting the session, and that of the people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Gilmore,
James McCune,
W. J. McKnight,
J. A. McKee,
J. L. Morrow.

It was resolved that hereafter reports of Boards and Standing Committees be submitted in type-written form.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, J. S. Tibby, leading.

Synod took a recess till 2 P. M. Prayer by H. Easson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met in the same place at 2 P. M. and was led in prayer by R. J. Gault. The roll was called and the following were absent: J. Patton, Wisely, W. C. Allen, J. M. Johnston, A. I. Robb, G. M. Robb, most of whom soon appeared. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Nominations reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations would respectfully report the following Committees:

On Presbyterian Alliance.—T. P. Stevenson, C. D. Trumbull, R. D. Scott.

On the death of Rev. T. P. Robb, D. D.—C. D. Trumbull, J. A. Black, J. P. Baird.

On the death of Rev N. R. Johnston, D. D.—R. M. Sommerville, H. H. George, S O. Sterrett.

On the death of Rev. G. P. Raitt.—I. A. Blackwood, J. C. McFeeters, James Dow, Sr.

S. J. Crowe,
Samuel McNaugher,
D. C. Faris,
D. S. Gailey.

E. A. Crooks was appointed the Moderator's alternate to preach the opening sermon at next Synod.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption. The fifth item was referred to the Committee on Finance. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Testimony Bearing.

The need of witnesses who will bear true testimony for Christ in our country is not growing less. Ours seems to be a time of encroaching worldliness and decaying faith. The tendency now among the churches is to unite on the basis of the lowest, to level down rather than up, to agree on their poverty and not on their wealth of principle. God's worship is becoming more and more of an entertainment to attract the world, and unpopular truth is not

often faithfully preached. Discipline has almost ceased in the churches and therefore the testimony they bear is not heeded by the world.

When this is the condition and tendency of the church, it is not to be expected that political life will be pure and wholesome, for in politics the law of God has never been generally recognized even by Christian people. Professing Christians satisfy themselves with some moral features in our government, make much of an occasional moral concession and are delighted with any religious utterance of persons prominent in political life, while they make but feeble protest against the great tide of ungodliness that flows on unchecked. Great evils are legalized and carried on by sanction of government. The practice of politics and of most who take an active part in it is so corrupt that it cannot be hidden, and it awakens no surprise that great elections are often carried by the use of a great amount of money, money given by those who expect to make gain by legislation and taken by those who find no defilement in a bribe.

All this flows naturally from a fountain where Christ and his law have no recognition and which knows not God. Christian people need to be brought to realize that here as elsewhere to be without God is to be without hope in the world. Christianity is a great power in this country, but politically it has lost, or is losing, or else never had, its savour, and it needs to be salted. God's truth has a wonderful purifying and health-giving power in the world, but it must be boldly set forth and vigorously applied before it will produce any blessed effect.

This is what we aim to do in the work of testimony bearing, and to do all that can be done to this end, we seek the aid of every member of the Church. We have a goodly supply of tracts on hand in great variety and well suited for this purpose. We sent them last year to all who would undertake to distribute them, and we will try to do the same the coming year. These tracts are an excellent text book for pastors' classes among the young people. As they study these, they will learn to know and value their position and become able to defend it. We hope to send out more tracts this year than for many years in the past.

A notable Christian Citizenship Conference was held this spring in the city of Youngstown, Ohio. The congregation there is small, the city unfriendly to this cause and the pastor young, yet a good convention was held, no one was burdened with expense, the principles of our profession were spread abroad and both the congregation and the community helped. This is a worthy example and should be followed. This is a presidential year, and the pressure on our people will be great. Why should we not turn on the pressure from the other side and do in every congregation what Mr. McKnight has done in Youngstown? That the same thing can be done in a large city is shown by the convention in

Boston arranged for by the Rev. J. M. Foster, in which the distinctive position of the church was frankly presented.

In 1886 the Synod adopted a form of memorial to Congress to be signed by those who are unable "to accept this (the U. S.) Constitution as a right fundamental law for the nation, and are, therefore, debarred, on conscientious grounds, from participation in the government." This memorial was signed by some of our people and forwarded to Congress in later years. We suggest that in this presidential year it be again circulated and signed by all the members of this Church and sent in to be counted as our vote against the present Constitution.

During the past year Dr. A. J. McFarland has prosecuted the work of Testimony Bearing as heretofore. He has given in all 120 sermons and addresses, the majority of which were in other churches than our own. These were given in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Part of the time he was hindered in his work by an unusual amount of sickness in his family. He says: "The outlook as we come to the end of the tenth year of this work is bright and encouraging. The past year has carried the work beyond the experimental stage. It is no longer a question as to the readiness and willingness of the best Christian people to hear the full testimony respecting National Righteousness and Christian Citizenship. If providential opportunity for special service is the Lord's way of showing us the way and measure of duty, we should increase our efforts in witnessing against the nation's dishonor to Christ ten fold in the coming time."

We recommend:

1. That Dr. A. J. McFarland be reappointed the lecturer on Testimony Bearing.

2. That pastors be advised during this season of political excitement to form classes for the study of our political position and the reasons that sustain it.

3. That pastors, elders and people be urged to aid one another in arranging for and holding conferences wherein the full testimony of our Church will be presented.

4. That this Committee be authorized to print and circulate a memorial to Congress presenting the distinctive position of the Church, and that congregations be exhorted to sign and forward said memorials to the Congressmen from their district and the Senators from their State.

5. That all members of the Church be urged to give liberally of their means for this cause and that the same appropriation be made by this Synod as heretofore, viz., $4,000.

W J Coleman,
R. J. Gault.
B. M. Sharp,
O. Wylie,
J. T. Morton.

Papers were called for and the following were laid on the table:

Paper No. 20.—Report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of the of the Literary Fund. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 21.—Report of the Treasurer of the Women's Association. Same reference.

The sale of the minutes of this Synod was put into the hands of J. S. Tibby. The retiring clerk was authorized to transfer all copies of the minutes of former Synods remaining on hand to J. S. Tibby.

The Synod adjourned with prayer by A. Kilpatrick.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at the same place on Friday, May 27th, at 9 A. M. and was constituted with prayer by W. J. Coleman.

The roll was called and the following members were absent: Johnston, S. J., Patton, J., Patton, T., Pickens, Tibby and Wisely, most of whom soon appeared. The minutes were read and approved.

Invitations for the next meeting of Synod were received from New Castle and United Miami congregations The invitation from New Castle was accepted.

The question of the payment due for twelve copies of the memorial volume lost in transportation was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Isaiah Faris reported that twelve dollars had been given him by the Chinese in Oakland for travelling expenses. He was instructed to turn over the money to the Committee on Traveling Fund.

Papers were called for and the following were laid on the table:

Paper No. 22.—Inquiry from Illinois Presbytery as to the extent of presbyterial authority. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 23.—Complaint of T. J. Allen against Kansas Presbytery. Same reference.

John T. Morton was certified as the representative of the Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Church Erection reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Sustentation and Church Erection and Finance.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported The report was referred to the Committees on Theological Seminary and Education and Finance

Synod's Board of Trustees reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Foreign Missions and Finance.

The Board of Sustentation reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Sustentation and Church Erection and Finance.

The Central Board of Missions reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

J. M. Faris, H. G Foster, J. G. Reed, J. R. Wylie and R. C. Wylie appeared and took their seats.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. S. M. Ramsey, Los Angeles, Cal., of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

The Committee on Observance of the Sabbath reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Sabbath Observance.

The Committee on the Sabbath would respectfully report that they recommend the preparation of copies of the following letter and that these. signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, be forwarded to the Board of Directors of each Railroad company in the United States and Canada:—

To the Board of Directors of the——R. R.

Dear Sirs:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in session assembled at Sparta, Ill., May 25, 1904, would respectfully ask you to consider the following reasons for stopping all traffic on your lines during the Sabbath, except such as may be called for by the demands of necessity or mercy:

While we do not make the claim that we are practical railroad men; nor consider ourselves capable of grappling with great transportation problems; yet there are certain great principles which we believe underlie all human efforts, and one of these is that tne human machine will do more work in six days, and resting one, than in seven days of continuous toil. We believe that this applies to all toil, whether of the hands in the humblest place or of the brain in the most responsible position; and the relief from the daily grind of work for the Sabbath rest, gives an added skill to the hand and a zest to mental work that is lacking when this rest is denied. We believe it would result in better service; in more satisfaction among the employees and in greater safety to all using your line. But the great reason why we urge you to consider this matter and to issue an order to this effect is that in this way you will honor God and obey his law, and put your work in line with his favor and blessing.

We desire to call your attention to this matter, believing that it is of great importance and that it can be applied in a practical way to the railroad business is proven by the fact that at least one great system has already adopted it.

Moderator..... .....
Clerk..... ....

The Communication from the Northwest Sabbath Association to this meeting of Synod was referred to your Committee. In reference to this matter we recommend sending the following answer:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Session at Sparta, Ill., May 25, 1904, express it as their conviction that all National and International, as well as lesser Expositions should keep their gates closed to all visitors on the Lord's Day.

Moderator.....
Clerk.. ....
W. W. CARITHERS,
C. D. TRUMBULL,
E. G. ELSEY,
JOHN T. MORTON.

The Synod took a recess till 2 P. M. Prayer by D. B. Willson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met at the same place at 2 P. M. and was opened with prayer by J. R. Wylie.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Secret Societies.

Your Committee on Secret Societies would respectfully report: Two elements in the very nature of sinful man—selfishness and false worship—account in large measure for the many and mighty associations of men and women which come under the head of Secret Societies. The right and duty of the Church to contend against either or both of these evils in the individual is unquestioned. She is morally bound to wage unceasing, unrelenting, uncompromising war against these and any other of the elements which are found in the depraved nature of man. It would be strange reasoning then which would deny to the Church the right to carry this war against the strongholds in which these evils are entrenched by means of organization and secrecy. Ordinarily little heed would be given to those who would counsel vigilance in prosecuting individual offences, but laxity in dealing with the same offences when committed by a powerful organization. Only a moral coward would either give or take such counsel. If the Church has a right to fight sin at all she has the special right to fight sin in its strongest positions. The secret society is one of the strongest positions of sin in the two forms mentioned, selfishness and false worship.

Selfishness is a fundamental feature of all secret societies. The desire to gain an advantage over their fellows which they do not deserve and which they cannot hope to gain in a legitimate way invariably enters strongly into the motives which prompt men to unite in such organizations. Some seek only social advancement, regarding the secret order as a door into exclusive social

circles, for which there is no other door of entrance for them. Others are moved by the desire for political preferment. Many seek in the lodge advantage over competitors in business, the aid of the society's influence in getting employment and holding the position, or in getting and holding patronage when in business for themselves. But these are fast becoming advantages of doubtful worth. The increasing number and membership of such societies reduces the value of the advantages to be gained by connection with them, since favors which must be divided among a rapidly increasing number must experience a correspondingly rapid contraction in the share which will fall to each. So this promise of the secret society is becoming more and more like all the devil's promises, an empty one, and were it not that men so delight to believe a lie, this grip of secrecy upon men would soon weaken.

This is true also of the false worship found in many secret societies as one of their chief attractions. It attracts only because men so generally prefer to believe a lie—prefer the false to the true. The desire to worship is implanted in man by the Creator and is well-nigh irresistible. But in the carnal mind there has been implanted by the devil such an aversion to true worship as no mere man can overcome. This accounts in great measure for the popularity of false religions. And this explains in part the popularity of many of the secret orders. They furnish a kind of gratification to the universal desire to worship and yet do not possess that which is objectionable to the carnal mind with its aversion to the true and pure but despised and rejected worship of God in Jesus Christ.

With such organizations the Church of Christ has nothing in common, or ought to have nothing in common. The principle of toleration has no application here. The Church is bound by her very constitution to be as intolerant of the lodge with its selfishness and false worship as of these same evils in the false religion of a heathen land. The principle that applies here is the principle of Separation—"Come out from among them and be ye SEPARATE."

There are some associations which are not distinctively secret which closely resemble the secret society in other respects and come under the same condemnation. Some labor unions and some employers' associations which have been multiplying so rapidly recently are in this class. A Christian would be as much out of place in some of these as in some of the secret orders. It ought to be understood that our condemnation of the sins of the secret order does not imply any indifference to the same sins in associations not secret..

In our antagonism to certain forms of the labor union we need to be careful to make it plain that we are not antagonizing workingmen as a class, nor taking part with the employers who

oppose the unions on purely selfish grounds, nor taking the side of the capitalist in the great conflict that is on between capital and labor. Laboring men as a class are estranged from the Church to-day, and in many instances because they believe the Church to be generally prejudiced against the cause of labor and in favor of the employer. It might be well to have a standing committee on Capital and Labor which would deal impartially with the sins of both and indicate each year the position the Church should take in reference to each.

We recommend:

1. That the position of the Church requiring separation from all oath and pledge-bound secret associations be reaffirmed.

2. That the work of the National Christian Association be approved and encouraged.

3. That our members be warned against entangling affiliations with all organizations having the evils of the secret society but without its badge of secrecy.

A. J. McFarland,
G. A. Edgar,
W. J. Sanderson,
J. E. Carithers,
J. R. Dill.

The Mission Conference reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Reports were received from Iowa, Lakes, N. B. and N. S., Philadelphia, New York, Illinois, Ohio, Pittsburg, Rochester, Kansas and Colorado Presbyteries and referred to the Committees on Supplies and Finance. Philadelphia Presbytery also reported on the Jewish Mission under its care. The report was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Statistics and Presbyterial Reports reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of Stated Clerk.

OUR STATISTICS.

The reports this year were all received in time. They are fuller and nearer correct than ever before. But one congregational report was taken from last year's statistics, and that was of a congregation that has ceased to exist, but has not as yet been taken from the roll by Presbytery. There were but few mistakes in addition. The discrepancies between the number of communicants reported and the number that should be according to the increase and decrease are small and largely occasioned by the fuller statistics. Every congregation and mission station this year is reported. Some of the Presbyterial reports are models of neatness, fullness and completeness. It is not likely our statistical report, so far as the home church is concerned, will ever be more satisfactory than is that of the present year. The most important

mistake was the omission of the name of one of our ministers, one who is actively engaged in church work.

SUMMARY. The Summary this year is Congregations 116, Mission Stations 5, Ministers 132, one of whom is an Armenian, Licentiates 21, 4 of whom are natives and one a Greek; Theological Students 6, one of whom is a Cypriote, Communicants 9,687, Increase 583, Decrease 578; Sabbath School Attendance 9,421, Young People's Society Attendance 2,057, Total Contribution, $222,497.

CONGREGATIONS. 80 have pastors; 8 are supplied by unsettled ministers; 1 by a pastor, 1 by a licentiate, 2 are under the care of the Foreign Mission Board, 2 congregations were organized, both by a Commission of Colorado Presbytery, Los Angeles, Cal., March 11, 1904, and Canon City, Col., April 23, 1903. There is an increase of 2.

MISSION STATIONS. Oakland is under the care of The Central Board. The Jewish Mission is under the care of the Philadelphia Presbytery. Middle Wheeling and Mansfield were discontinued at the meeting of Ohio Presbytery, May 12, 1904. Walton, Kansas, was also discontinued, the members having removed to Colorado and forming the Canon City Congregation.

MINISTERS. There were 1 ordination, 5 ordinations and installations, 1 received by certificate, 4 dissolutions of the pastoral relation and 3 deaths.

Herbert Bratton McMillan was ordained by Colorado Presbytery at Evans, Col., August 10, 1903. David Calvin Matthews was ordained and installed pastor of Princeton Congregation by Illinois Presbytery, September 2, 1903. Samuel Edgar Greer was ordained and installed pastor of Tabor Congregation by a commision of Kansas Presbytery, September 11, 1903. Wilmer George Robb was ordained and installed pastor of Lochiel Congregation by a commission of Rochester Presbytery, April 8, 1904. Ernest McLeod Elsey was ordained and installed pastor of the united congregations of Bear Run and Mahoning and Rehoboth by Pittsburg Presbytery, January 12, 1904. George Renwick Steele was ordained and installed pastor of Bloomington Congregation by a commission of Illinois Presbytery, May 19, 1904. Rev. Josiah Boggs Dodds, who had been certified to the church in Scotland by Kansas Presbytery, returned his certificate at a meeting of Presbytery, April 12, 1904.

Rev. Thomas Plants Robb died at his home in Sharon, Iowa, February 17, 1904; Rev. George Patterson Raitt at his home in New York, March 14, 1904, and Rev. Nathan Robinson Johnston at Topsham, Vermont, March 21, 1904.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Pollock Johnston McDonald and Seattle Congregation was dissolved by a Commission of Colorado Presbytery, August 11, 1903; between Rev. Samuel Gormley Shaw and Cambridge Congregation by New

York Presbytery, in the 3rd New York Church, April 20, 1904; between Rev. Hugh McCarroll and Vernon congregation by Iowa Presbytery, at Morning Sun, Ia., May 24, 1904; between Rev. Thomas Houston Acheson and Denver congregation by Colorado Presbytery, at Sparta, Ill., May 27, 1904, and between Rev. Thomas Melville Slater and Bovina congregation by New York Presbytery, at Sparta, Ill., March 27, 1904. Three pastors have double charges. There is an increase of 4 ministers.

Of the 55 unsettled ministers 6 are stated supplies, 5 are foreign missionaries, 1 an ordained Armenian at work in Cyprus, 3 are laboring under the care of the Central Board, 2 are Professors in the Theological Seminary, 3 in Geneva College, 1 is engaged in Reform Work, 1 in Testimony Bearing, 11 are unable to engage actively in the work of the ministry, 3 are engaged in other employments and 1, Rev. A. M. Thompson, is laboring at Geelong, Australia, under the direction of the Church in Ireland. The whole or part time of the others is at the disposal of Synod.

Licentiates. William Henry George was licensed by Pittsburg Presbytery in the East End Church, May 10, 1904, James Guthrie McElhinney by a Commission of Illinois Presbytery at Sparta, Ill., April 29, 1904, William Walter Wilson by Ohio Presbytery at New Concord, May 12, 1904 and George Nesbit Greer by Iowa Presbytery at Morning Sun, on May 24, 1904. They have one year yet to attend the Seminary.

Communicants. Lakes, Kansas, Colorado and New York Presbyteries and 41 congregations report a net increase. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Iowa, Pittsburg, Ohio, Vermont, Rochester, Philadelphia and Illinois Presbyteries and 44 congregations, and 4 stations a net decrease. 6 congregations do not report any change, and 12 congregations and 1 station make no report. The net increase is 5. There is a decrease in the Church in America of 4.

Sabbath School and Young People's Societies. An attendance of 9421 was reported, in the former a decrease of 667, and an attendance of 2057 in the latter, a decrease of 194.

Contributions. An increase in contributions is reported in the Syrian Mission of $4,636; in Mission in China, of $5,691; in Jewish Mission, of $100; in Sustentation, of $650; in Church Erection, of $14,312; in National Reform, of $174; in Aged Ministers' Fund, of $12; in Salaries, of $2,366; in Miscellaneous, of $5,510 and in totals, of $26,433. A decrease in Home Mission, of $2,174; in Southern Mission, of $1,766; in Indian Mission, of $1,682; in Theological Seminary, of $194; in Testimony Bearing, of $1,157; in Widows' and Orphans' Fund, of $19. The number of parsonages is 19, an increase of 2.

J. W. Sproull, *Stated Clerk.*

Report of Colorado Presbytery.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held two regular and one special meeting during the year. We have six congregations, nine ministers and one licentiate. The latter is Mr. Samuel Edgar, who is to be ordained and installed at La Junta in June. Mr. Herbert B. McMillan, of the Indian Mission, was ordained at a meeting of Colorado Presbytery, held in Evans, Colo., August 10, 1903. Rev. P. J. McDonald was released from the pastorate of Seattle congregation on August 11, 1903. A congregation of 27 members was organized at Los Angeles, on March 11, of this year; and one of 17 members at Canon City on April 23. The presbytery assumed during the year the support of Dr. Kate McBurney in the foreign field. Considerably more than the amount of her first year's salary has already been paid in. The total contributions of presbytery to foreign missions during the year are $1,036; the total for all purposes, $7,059; or an average per member of $22.91.

The full time of Rev. T. H. Acheson is at the disposal of Synod. Rev J. M. Armour is recommended for a share in the Aged Ministers' Fund. Our statistical report has already been forwarded to Dr. Sproull.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Acheson, *Clerk.*

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The pastoral relation between Rev. T. H. Acheson and Denver congregation was dissolved May 27, 1904. A call has been made upon Rev. T. M. Slater by Seattle congregation and forwarded to New York Presbytery for presentation.

A. F. Atchison, *Clerk, pro tem.*

Report of Illinois Presbytery.

The Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report: We have had one regular and one special meeting during the year. There are nine congregations uuder our care; eight of these have settled pastors; one, Coulterville, is still vacant. Rev. D. C. Mathews was ordained and installed pastor of Princeton congregation on September 2, 1903, and Rev. G. R. Steele was ordained and installed pastor of Bloomington congregation on May 19, 1904. Mr. J. G. McElhinney was licensed to preach the Gospel, by a commission of Presbytery meeting at Sparta, Ill., on April 29, 1904. Presbytery has conducted an official examination of Princeton congregation and found it to be in good condition.

The time of Mr. J. G. McElhinney is at the disposal of Synod until the opening of the Seminary. We ask for one-half the time of one laborer for the year. Our traveling fund is paid in full. Our statistical report has been made out and forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod. We recommend Mrs. W. F.

George to a share in the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers. M. M. Pearce is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

The congregation of Selma being under the care of Illinois Presbytery, and, being also a mission station of the church, it is the custom of Presbytery to include a few facts in regard to Selma in our report. In accordance with this, we note the following from the report of the pastor to us. He says: "Our work has remained uninterrupted during the year, and we have had preaching every Sabbath. We have now eighty-eight members and during the year have raised $707.00. Our contributions to the public schemes of the church have been more than doubled during the year. The outlook for our church in this part of the country is favorable. The attitude of our race towards the truths for which we contend is changing, and it is beginning to realize that the evils condemned by our church, are the evils condemned by the Master in His blessed book."

M. M. Pearce, *Clerk.*

Report of Iowa Presbytery.

Iowa Presbytery reports that, during the past two years, two regular meetings were held. At our fall meeting in Lake Reno we united with the brethren there in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

It is with feelings of profound sorrow that we record the death of our esteemed brother and co-laborer, the Rev. Dr. T. P. Robb. After a brief period of suffering from a stroke of paralysis, he rested from his labors on February 17, 1904. We miss his familar face, the cordial grasp of his hand, and his wise counsels, but we are comforted with the thought that he has received the welcome of the Master, and is in the enjoyment of the reward bestowed on the faithful servant of the Lord.

We have now on our roll of constituent members the names of nine ministers and nine congregations; and we have under our care two students of theology, Messrs. Geo. N. Greer and William J. McCullough; Mr. Greer having completed his second year in the Seminary, was licensed to preach the Gospel May 24, 1904. The other licentiate under our care, Delber H. Elliott, having accepted the call tendered him by Denison congregation, has been transferred to Kansas Presbytery.

At his own request the pastoral relation between the Rev. Hugh McCarroll and the Vernon congregation was dissolved at our late meeting, May 24, 1904.

Our vacancies are now Sharon, Hickory Grove and Vernon.

The full time of the Rev. Hugh McCarroll, and the Rev. Isaiah Faris, who has been laboring under Central Board in the Chinese Mission in Oakland, Cal., and the time of our Licentiate, George N. Greer, until the opening of the Seminary, are at the disposal of Synod. The Rev. J. M. Littlejohn is still engaged in teaching in Chicago, and has asked for no appointments.

The days of fasting and thanksgiving have been observed by our congregations.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to Synod's stated clerk.

We ask for the full time of two and one-half laborers during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Black, *Clerk.*

Report of Kansas Presbytery.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held, during the past year, one regular meeting and one by commission. J. T. Wilson, at his own request, was transferred to care of Colorado Presbytery. J. Boggs Dodds, who a year ago was certified to our Church in Scotland, was received again under our care. Licentiate Samuel Edgar Greer was received from Iowa Presbytery and was ordained and installed pastor of Tabor congregation, September 11, 1903.

Eighteen congregations are under our care; of these, twelve have settled pastors; three have stated supplies. J. Boggs Dodds is pastor elect of Sterling congregation and Licentiate Delber H. Elliott of Denison. This leaves Topeka our only vacancy to receive supplies. This congregation has had a stated supply, but at their own request will be granted supplies after July 1st, in order to make out a call for a pastor. Walton Mission Station has become extinct, the members having removed to Canon City, Colo., and at their own request were certified to the care of Colorado Presbytery.

The whole time of J. Ralston Wylie and of E. M. Coleman after July 1st, is at the disposal of Synod. We ask the full time of one laborer after July 1st.

Our statistical report, duly forwarded to Synod's stated clerk, shows a substantial increase in membership and contributions. The usual days of thanksgiving and fasting were observed by our congregations. H. P. McClurkin, Mrs. Belle T. Dodds and Mrs. M. A. McMillan have been recommended to the Board of Control for a share of the funds at their disposal. J. S. McGaw is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

By order of the Presbytery,

James McCune, *Clerk.*

Report of Lakes Presbytery.

Lakes Presbytery would respectfully report that our regular annual meeting was held at Cedarville, Ohio. In connection with it a conference on "The Kingdom of Christ" was conducted. Presbyterial examination of the local congregation was also attended to.

We have nine congregations with an aggregate membership of six hundred and twenty-six souls. The recently organized

congregation of Hetherton has increased, largely by accession from other congregations, from thirty-five to sixty members. There is pastoral oversight of each preaching point, with the exception of Southfield. This congregation made out a call on Licentiate Harvey Galbraith Patterson, who accepted it on May 27, 1904. Rev. J. McCracken, retired, is still of our number Mrs. Isabella Milroy, Mrs. Susan Love and Mrs. H. P. Smith were recommended to the Board of Control. Rev. R. Hargrave is chairman of the committee of supplies. Our statistical report is in the hands of Synod's stated clerk. It indicates numerical and financial increase. Presbytery asks for the one fourth time of one man.

C. McLeod Smith, *Clerk.*

Report of N. B. & N. S. Presbytery.

The Presbytery of N. B. and N. S. would respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting during the year. The congregations of St John and Barnesville, being both under the care of the one pastor, can neither of them have services every day. Arrangements were made for supplies at Barnesville during part of last Summer, and efforts are being made looking towards another pastor for Barnesville.

Our congregations observed the days appointed by Synod.

We recommend Mrs. Margaret Lawson for her share in the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

Thos. McFall, *Clerk.*

Report of New York Presbytery.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings during the year. We have 15 congregations and 12 pastors. A. I. Robb is a missionary in China. Three congregations are vacant, viz: Kortright, Cambridge and Bovina. S. G. Shaw was released from Cambridge congregation at a meeting of Presbytery held in 3rd New York Church, April 20, 1904, and T. M. Slater at a meeting in Sparta, Ill., May 27, 1904. Mr. Slater accepted a call from the congregation of Seattle and was transferred to Colorado Presbytery. We have 16 ministers and two licentiates. The licentiates are Julius A. Kempf and John Yates.

S. R. Wallace has been appointed stated supply in Kortright from May, 3rd Sabbath, until December 1st.

The full time of Julius Kempf, John Yates, S. G. Shaw, T. A. Rusk and of S. R. Wallace from December 1st, is at the disposal of Synod.

We disire the full time of two laborers during the coming

year. I. A. Blackwood is chairman of Committee of Supplies. We report our traveling fund full. Our statistical report was transmitted in due time.

Mrs. Mary A. Yates was recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the Fund for Widows and Orphans.

Two members of our Presbytery have died during the year. Rev. G. P. Raitt died at his home in New York City, March 14, 1904, and Rev. N. R. Johnston, D. D., at Topsham, Ver., March 21, 1904.

We reported the name, S. Turner Foster, a student of theology last year who has since withdrawn from the church.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS PATTON, *Clerk.*

Report of Ohio Presbytery.

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings. We have six congregations under our care, two of which have pastors. The mission stations of Mansfield and Middle Wheeling have been discontinued as the removal of members so reduced the working force in these places as to render it impracticable to continue the work. We would respectfully recommend that Synod's Board of Trustees be instructed to secure the title to the Mansfield property, which is valuable. We have three ministers, one of whom, Rev. P. H. Wylie, is recommended for a share in the Aged Minister's Fund. We have one student of theology, Wm. Walter Wilson, who was licensed on Thursday, May 12, and his time for the vacation months of this year and May of next year is at the disposal of Synod. As our vacant congregations have asked for the moderation of calls, we ask for the time of but one laborer for the year. The days of thanksgiving and fasting were observed by our congregations having pastors. Our travelling fund is full and our statistical report was duly forwarded to the stated clerk. A. A. Samson is chairman of Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SAMSON, *Clerk.*

Report of Philadelphia Presbytery.

Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

Three meetings were held during the year. In connection with each regular meeting we have an evening Conference which adds much to the interest and profit of the meeting. We have three settled congregations. Baltimore, for the last two years, has failed to send their statistical report, and the work there seems to be about at an end. Conococheague will take some preaching during the summer months.

The third congregation, Philadelphia, has begun work on their new church building, and hope to push it vigorously to completion. The report of the committee in charge of the Jewish Mission will be read on the floor of Synod by Secretary T. P.

Stevenson. We have three unsettled ministers, A. W. Johnston, E. F. Sherman and M. Greenberg. We have one licentiate, R. A. Blair. The full time of E. F. Sherman and R. A. Blair is at the disposal of Synod. The days of Thanksgiving and Fasting were observed. J. C. McFeeters is chairman of Committee of Supplies. We ask for the time of one laborer for the months of July and August.

Our statistical report was promptly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY, *Clerk.*

Report of Pittsburg Presbytery.

The Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year past, two regular and one special meeting were held. At the special meeting held January 12, 1904, in the Bear Run Church, Earnest M. Elsey was ordained, and installed pastor of the Bear Run and Mahoning, and Rehoboth congregations. A. M. Thompson was certified to the Colorado Presbytery. We have under our care 27 congregations and one Mission Station. The vacancies are: Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburg, North Union, Salem and Centerville, M. S. J. R. Latimer is Stated Supply at Centreville, M. S., and F. M. Wilson, Stated Supply at Brookland.

The names of 42 ministers appear on our Roll. Of these, 21 are pastors; 2 are professors in the Seminary; 3 are professors in the college; 1 is Synod's agent in Testimony Bearing; 1 is an agent for the National Reform Association; 1 State Secretary of American Sabbath Union for ¾ time; 7 through age and infirmity, are largely retired from active service; 4 are supplies and 3 are missionaries. Our licentiates are J. M. Coleman, Wm McKinney, Wilbur McBurney, Wm. Milroy and W. H. George. The last being licensed May 10th. The time of R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, H. Easson, J. L. McCartney, Wilbur McBurney and J. T. Mitchell are at the disposal of Synod, and that of W. H. George, during the Seminary vacation and May, 1905. Mr. Mitchell has been appointed as Stated Supply for half time for the coming six months at Clarksburg.

The following recommendations have been made:

To Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers—Mrs. Nancy Reed and Mrs. Charles Clyde.

To Fund for Aged Ministers—Revs. J. C. K. Faris and J. R. Baird.

Our quota to the synodical traveling fund is reported full.

The statistical report of the Presbytery was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time.

Presbytery asks for the time of one (1) laborer for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. FOSTER, *Clerk.*

Report of Rochester Presbytery.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the last Synodical year two regular meetings have been held, both of which were characterized by unanimity on all matters coming before us. Four of our congregations have now settled pastors, namely, York, Syracuse, Almonte and Lochiel. Wilmer G. Robb, licentiate, was received April 5, from the Ohio Presbytery, and having received a call from the Lochiel congregation, was ordained and installed in that charge by a commission of Rochester Presbytery, April 8, 1904. Thus, after more than two years of patient waiting, "He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, and walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks," has supplied the place made vacant by the taking away of the Rev. Charles Clyde, in the person of our young and devoted brother, Wilmer G. Robb. "And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers." Long may pastor and people labor together as brethren, and companions "in the patience and kingdom of Jesus Christ."

As a Presbytery we enjoy peace and harmony, and abundance of peace in our congregations. Lisbon, though having made two calls which have been returned, and though it may be somewhat faint, is still pursuing, and has petitioned Presbytery to give them eight months preaching the coming year, or the two-thirds time of one man. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." The removal of Elder John Hunter from the Sterling congregation to the church above, was like taking away one of the main supports of a building. Weakened by death and other causes, Sterling has become few in number. To her may apply the language applied to one of the churches in Asia Minor, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis." The indications are, The Candlestick is about to be removed, and will be, unless there comes a time of reviving energy. "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

We have one unsettled minister, the Rev. Wm. McFarland, whose whole time is at the disposal of Synod.

As far as known to us, day of fasting and thanksgiving have been observed by all our congregations. We ask for the full time of one laborer.

Our traveling fund is full. Rev. J. B. Gilmore is chairman of Committee of Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. Boyd, *Clerk.*

The printing of the report on the Sabbath in the form of a letter and the sending of it to the railroad companies were referred to the clerk, the cost to be met by the Testimony Bearing Committee. The Committee on Testimony Bearing was requested to send information of this action to all other ecclesiastical assemblies in the United States and Canada and also to Sabbath Associations, State and National, and other religious organizations, and request them to take similar action.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. Ralph Atkinson, Sparta, Ill., of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Temperance reported The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption. All the items were adopted and one was added. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report on Temperance.

The President of the National Liquor Dealers' Association in his address before the last annual convention of the Association said: "The truth is, the enemy is rapidly gaining ground upon us, and we are being overpowered by the tremendous forces battling against us." There may be some exaggeration in this declaration, but an array of the forces battling with the liquor traffic, and a close observance of the progress of the warfare, proves it to be in the main true. There is a tremendous array of forces opposing the traffic, and they are gaining in numbers and efficiency. Among these forces we would mention the following: The Church of the Living God opposing it by its Testimony, teaching and moral influence; the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, numbering 180,000 of the most earnest, consecrated women of the United States among its members, an organization that is growing year by year in numbers and efficiency; the Prohibition Party with its more than 200,000 voters, organized for the sole purpose of destroying the traffic; the Anti-Saloon League, now organized in nearly every state and territory of the union, having as its fundamental proposition that the League is opposed to license, undertaking only work which will put the saloon in the way of ultimate extinction, with its three departments of work, Agitation, Legislation and Law Enforcement; the various Young People's Societies of the Churches, numbering over 6,000,000 and various other organizations, such as the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of America, the Good Templars, the Prohibition Union of Christian Men, and the Young People's Prohibition League. Nor should we omit two other forces that are exerting a tremendous influence against the traffic—the Scientific Temperance Instruction required by law in the schools of every state and territory of the union, by which the 18,000,000 youth in our schools are taught that intoxicating liquors used as a beverage are a poison

and a peril; and the railroads of the country, employing 1,189,715 men, and requiring what amounts practically to total abstinence of all their employes. There is a tremendous array of forces waging warfare against this evil. Through the work of these various organizations, and by reason of the manifest and awful result of the traffic, the public sentiment against it is tremendous and becoming more so. Well may those engaged in the traffic sound the alarm.

With all this array of forces against it, the traffic still lives, and so far as the actual consumtion of liquor is concerned, is gaining ground. Never in the history of our country has there been so large a total and per capita consumption of intoxicants as this past year. The total amount of money spent for liquor in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1903, was more than one-half of all the wages of the wage earners and salaried men of all the industries of the country in the year 1900. This by no means measures the financial loss of the nation from the traffic. Nor is the financial loss the traffic incurs to be compared with its moral and spiritual detriment to the nation.

With such a strong public sentiment against it, with such an array of forces fighting it, how, it may be asked, is the liquor traffic able to maintain itself? There are many reasons. It has a strong support in the appetites and passions of sinful men. It has multiplied its strength many fold by organization. It is immensely rich and scruples not to use vast sums of money as bribes to gain its ends. It fights with the desperation of a foe who knows he must fight or die. These are minor reasons. But the chief reason is, it has made the government of the United States its partner. It has secured the enactment of laws legalizing and protecting it. This is the citadel of its strength. Until we drive it from this citadel we will never make much headway against it. Past experience and the word of God call loudly upon us to abandon this sinful and unwise policy of licensing the traffic and to adopt that of State and National prohibition..

The past year has had its reverses. The Hepburn bill, framed to amend the Inter-State Commerce laws so as to protect local option and prohibition territory from illicit liquor selling, after long delays was reported by the Judiciary Committee of Congress to the House for favorable action, but Congress adjourned without acting on it.

The year has also had its victories. The attempt of the liquor power, supported by the War Department, to secure the repeal of the Anti-Canteen law for the Army, failed. The Brannock Local Option law passed by the Ohio Legislature, is a positive though not a complete temperance victory. The United States Congress passed a law withholding appropriations from State Old Soldiers' Homes which have canteens. The reply of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt to the attack of the "Committee of Fifty"

on the Scientific Temperance Instruction given by law in our schools, was ordered printed by the United States Senate as a public document. A Prohibition wave is sweeping over the southern states. Under local option laws large portions of territory in the South are passing under prohibition. Of the 27,000,000 people of the South 17,000,000 are living under absolute prohibition. Florida has but 125 saloons. Sixty-five of the 75 counties of Mississippi are under prohibition. Nine-tenths of Kentucky is under prohibition. Sixty of her 119 counties are under absolute prohibition, and in only a few of the remainder are there more than one or two licensed saloons. Georgia has prohibition in 106 of her 137 counties. In Texas there are 141 prohibition counties, and 57 more are under partial prohibition. Under the Adams law in Tennessee the whole state is under prohibition except twelve cities and towns. This change has not all been brought about in the past year, but the year has witnessed marked progress.

The railroads are becoming a stronger temperance force. Formerly the best customers of the saloon were railroad men, now their patronage is virtually nothing. In 1899 the American Railway Association adopted a rule "that the use of intoxicants by employes while on duty is prohibited and their habitual use, or frequenting of places where they are sold, is sufficient cause for dismissal." Letters from the superintendents of various roads show that they are becoming more stringent in this matter. The following roads require total abstinence of their employes, both on and off duty: The Grand Trunk System, Central Vermont Railway, Southern & Western Railway. Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo and the Pittsburg & Lake Erie. The International and Great Northern and the Vandalia lines require all applicants for positions to sign a total abstinence pledge. The Railway Age says: "The railroads of the United States now constitute one of the grandest and most effective temperance organizations in existence." We recommend that Synod adopt the following:

I. We condemn the licensing of the liquor traffic as sinful, and worse than useless as a means of destroying the traffic, and reassert the long established position of the church of total abstinence for the individual and absolute prohibition by the state.

II. Inasmuch as this evil is a mighty obstacle in the way of the progress of Christ's kingdom, we urge all our ministers and members to wage incessant warfare with it; to teach unceasingly the harmful effects of the use of liquors; to be active in the warfare against the saloon in their communities; to be diligent in sending letters and petitions to legislators and congressmen, when temperance measures are before Congress or State legislatures; and to co-operate as far as possible with all proper organizations which have in view the overthrow of this evil.

III. We view with satisfaction and gratitude the stand which the railroads and other economic forces are taking against

the saloon, and the use of intoxicants, seeing in it a valuable testimony for total abstinence and a strong reinforcement to the temperance ranks.

IV. We recommend the observance of the fourth Sabbath of November as the World's Temperance Day.

V. We reaffirm the position of the Church in reference to the use of tobacco; urge our ministers to set before the people the sin and harm of using it or being connected in any way with its manufacture or sale, and our sessions to maintain the law of the Church in this matter; and appeal to all our members, old and young, on the ground of cleanliness, civility and godliness to abstain from its use in every form.

Respectfully submitted,

R H Martin,
E. L McKnight,
G. W Benn,
J. M. Allen,

The Synod adjourned with prayer by F. M. Foster.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at the same place Saturday, May 28, at 9 A. M. and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following members were absent: Coleman, E. M , Elsey, E. M., Elsey, J. K., French, McConahy, Pearce, Reed, J. G , Reed, R. C., Thompson, B. M., and Wisely, most of whom soon came in. W. P. Johnson appeared and took his seat.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The names of certain ministers of the Church who are suffering under affliction were reported to the Synod. The nomination of committees to write to these brethren was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The nominating of a committee on railroad rates was also referred to this Committee

Kansas Presbytery requested permission to re-open the case brought up by T. J. Allen that they may give him an opportunity to be heard and asked that his complaint be returned to them for this purpose. The request was granted.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Revs. W. S. Wallace, Cutler, Ill. and J. E. Springer, Tilden, Ill., of the U. P. Church and to Rev. R. W. Chestnut, Marissa, Ill., of the R. P. Church (N. S.)

The following action was taken with regard to the closing of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on the Lord's Day:

Closing the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on the Lord's Day.

Resolved, that we most heartily commend the action of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition for their fidelity to their contract with the government, and express our very great satisfaction in the reverence they show to the Lord's Day by closing the gates of the Exposition on the Sabbath.

We further assure them of our hearty endorsement in their continued refusal to allow the concessionaires having exhibitions on "The Pike" to have them open on the Lord's Day, and of our most earnest desire that they will continue to refuse such openings to the last day of the Fair.

Resolved, that this action of Synod be signed by the Moderator and clerk and transmitted to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Exposition.

The Board of Control reported. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Corporators and the Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. The reports were referred to the Committees on Theological Seminary and Education and Finance.

The National Reform Association reported through its Executive Committee. The report was referred to the Committees on National Reform and Finance. R. C. Wylie, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform, reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table and its consideration resumed at item 2d on the distribution of Home Mission and Sustentation Funds. This report was taken up item by item for adoption. While the first item was under consideration the hour for devotional exercises arrived. These exercises were led by George C. Robb.

The Synod took a recess till 2 o'clock with prayer by John C. Slater.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met at the same place at 2 P. M. and was opened with prayer by J. W. F. Carlisle.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes were read and approved.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Revs. E. G. McKibben, Baldwin and H. J. Jackson, Oakdale, of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Standing Committees.

Unfinished Business.—W. J. Coleman, J. C. French.
Devotional Exercises.—J. S. Martin, H. G. Foster, R. A. Adams.
Order of Business—J. Renwick Wylie, G. A. Edgar, J. W. Wilson.
Evangelistic Work.—E. A. Crooks, J. M. Johnston. W. J. McKnight, R. K. Wisely, S. E. McElhinney.

State of Religion.—J. W. F. Carlisle, R. A. Paden, J. H. Pritchard, S. M. Orr, Wm. Hanna.

Sabbath.—S. J. Crowe, Louis Meyer, W. S. Fulton, J. R. Magee, W. R. Sterrett.

Sabbath Schools.—J. C. Slater, P. P. Boyd, J. C. French, Samuel Carmichael, J. W. Rose.

Young People's Societies.—F. M. Wilson, E. M. Elsey, Geo. R. Steele, B. M. Thompson, A. F. Atchison.

Secret Societies.—J. W. Sproull, J. M. Foster, J. S. Thompson, J. G. McConnell, Jno. A. Russell.

Psalmody.—D. C. Martin, J. Milligan Wylie, A. J. McFarland, Sr., W. C. Paden, James Dow. Sr.

Temperance.—S. R. Wallace, R. Hargrave, D. C. Faris, J. H. Pickens, D. S. Ellis.

Signs of the Times.—Isaiah Faris, G. W. Benn, Thos. Patton, J. P. Baird.

Systematic Beneficience.—T. P. Stevenson, H. H. George, D. B. Willson, J. K. Elsey, Jos. M. Wylie.

The Committee on Nominations reported. The report was received, amended and adopted and is as follows:

Committee on Nominations would respectfully report the following committees:

Railroad Fare.—J. S. Martin, F. M. Wilson, C. D. Trumbull, J. S. Tibby, J. W. Pritchard. Robert Clarke, Endorser.

Letters to W. M. George and A. A. Samson.—J. Milligan Wylie, W. J. McKnight, Hunter M. Johnston.

Letters to J. R. W. Stevenson and H. B. McMillan.—Rev. J. M. Johnston, I. A. Blackwood, S. M. Orr.

S. J. Crowe,
Samuel McNaugher,
D. C. Faris,
D. S. Gailey,
Jos. P. Baird.

The Synod decided to adjourn on Tuesday, May 31st.

The addresses given at the meetings on Thursday and Friday evenings were requested for publication in the Church papers.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work was instructed to arrange for an evening conference on Bible study at next Synod.

It was decided to have an evening conference next year on the State of the Church, the arrangements for such meeting to be made by the Committee on the State of Religion.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken up.

The consideration of the first item of the report on distribution of Home Mission and Sustentation Funds was resumed. This report was laid on the table till next Synod, and ordered to be published in the appendix.

Item 3.—Preparation of a Digest of Law and revision of the Book of Discipline. Majority and minority reports were presented. The time for discussion was extended ten minutes. While the minority report was under consideration, the hour set for adjournment arrived.

Synod adjourned with prayer by T. M. Slater.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at the same place on Monday, May 30th, at 9 A. M. and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes were read and approved.

G. A. Edgar was called home by the sickness of a member of his congregation.

A communication was received from J. McCracken and referred to the Committee on Finance.

It was resolved that when the Synod adjourns, it be to meet at New Castle, Pa., on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1905, at 8 P. M., and that the sermon of the Moderator be preached at that hour.

David Popoweetie was requested to address the Synod at the close of the missionary meeting on Tuesday evening.

The Memorial to Congress adopted by the Synod in 1886 was approved for signature the coming year. The hearing of the reports of the Committees on Missions was made the order of the day for 10:30 this morning and of the Committee on National Reform for 3 this afternoon.

Committees on Records of Presbyteries reported. The records of Colorado Presbytery were not present. Two of the reports were amended, all were adopted and nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church was found in the records of any except Illinois and Philadelphia.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Revs. Alonzo Benson, Ref. Pres. (N. S.), Cutler, Ill., and E. W. Cross, Sparta, Ill., of the M. E. Church.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. All the items were adopted. While the motion for the adoption of the report as a whole was pending, members of the court who had visited the Southern and Indian Mission were heard, and the hour for devotional exercises arrived. These were led by T. C. Speer.

The Synod took a recess till 2 o'clock, with prayer by W. R. Sterrett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met in the same place at 2 P. M. and was opened with prayer by W. P. Johnston.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Revs. W. J. Smiley and J, L. Chestnut were certified as delegates of the Reformed Presbyterian General Synod and the time set for hearing them was 10:30 Tuesday morning.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Revs. Robert Blair of the Ref. Pres. Church (N. S.) and H. C. Burton of the A. M. E. Church.

The Committees appointed to prepare memorials of the ministers who passed away during the past year reported. These reports were accepted and adopted, the Synod engaging in prayer led by R. J. George. The memorials are as follows:

Minute on the Death of the Rev. N. R. Johnston, D. D.

At Topsham, Vt., Monday, March 21, '04, there passed away from earth one of the most notable figures in the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Born in 1820, Rev. N. R. Johnston, D. D., then finished his course with joy after nearly fifty four years of consuming labors. His licensure in the spring of '56 and ordination in October of the same year were the beginning of a career, which, whether he was engaged in pastoral, educational, editorial or distinctively missionary work, was dominated by fealty to Jesus Christ. He was engaged in pastoral work at Topsham, Vt., till 1862, when he went to South Carolina as representative of Synod's Board of Home Missions to explore that field in the interest of evangelistic work among the negroes. For eight years, beginning with the close of the Civil War in 1865, he devoted himself to teaching in Northwood, O., New Castle, New Brighton and Blairsville, Pa., and then took pastoral charge for a brief term of the congregation at Elliott, Minn. Removing about that time, 1875, to California, he started a mission among the Chinese in Oakland, which he carried on with great zeal and self-denial and with a good measure of success until failing health forced him to give up such arduous labors. The remaining days of his earthly life were spent in comparative retirement, though to the end he did not cease to urge with voice and pen the claims of missionary work at home and abroad.

Loyal to law, yet impatient of control; losing sight of self for the good of others, yet leaving the impress of his personality on every service; sensitive to reproof, yet quick to detect the faults of others, Dr. Johnston will live in history as a man of marked individuality. A good man, a consistent Covenanter, and a Christian patriot, he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

R. M. Sommerville,
H. H. George,
S. O. Sterrett.

Minute on the Death of the Rev. T. P. Robb, D. D.

Rev. Thomas Plants Robb, D. D., was stricken with paralysis February 1, 1904. He lingered speechless and half dead until the 17th day of same month, when his spirit returned to God, who gave it. The providence which has called away this consecrated servant of Christ from the activities of the ministry is unfathomable by us. We are dumb, we cannot open our mouths because God

did it. We thought there was more work for Dr. Robb in the courts of the Church, in the congregation of which he was so long pastor, in the reformatory movements of the land in which he was so deeply interested, as well as in the private relations of life; but the Master said, "Your work on earth is done; come up higher." This providence calls us to increased diligence, to watchfulness and sobriety, for the night is far spent, the day is at hand.

Thomas Plants was the youngest son of George and Jane (George) Robb, of Miller's Run congregation, Pa. He was born April 5, 1843. He set his face to the ministry from early life, graduated from Muskingum College in 1867, entered the Theological Seminary the same year, was licensed to preach by Pittsburg Presbytery April 12, 1870, was ordained and installed pastor of Garrison congregation, Fayette county, Indiana, by Lakes Presbytery May 16, 1871; resigned this charge April 12, 1874, to accept a call to Sharon congregation, of which he was installed pastor by Iowa Presbytery July 6 of the same year. He continued in this relation until released by death.

Dr. Robb was a loyal Covenanter, true to the doctrines and Testimony of the Church; active and earnest in the dissemination of her distinctive principles. His ability and fidelity were recognized both within and without the church. He was called to preside over the deliberations of this court in 1897. The following year his *alma mater*—Muskingum College—conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course. In his death Synod has been called to part with an active member, the Church with a devoted minister, his congregation with a faithful pastor, and his family with a loving and tender husband and father. God is saying to all of us, "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull,
J. A. Black,
J. P. Baird.

Minute on the Death of the Rev. George Patterson Raitt.

After an active ministry of 42 years, Rev. George Patterson Raitt departed this life Monday morning, March 14, 1904, at his home in New York City, in the seventy-third year of his age. Mr. Raitt was born September 19, 1831, at Boonia, Delaware county, New York. His classical education was received at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., his theological training in the Seminary at Xenia, O., of the United Presbyterian Church. Licensed to preach in 1863, he labored in that church for 30 years. Espousing the distinctive principles of the Covenanter Church, he became affiliated with our Church in 1892, and labored till his death,

preaching with great acceptance in many of our pulpits both in America and Ireland.

As a preacher, Mr. Raitt was simple in his habits, faithful to his opportunities, persevering in his efforts and earnest in his presentation of divine truth. He was a devout and consecrated man. Many will hold him in tender remembrance for his prayers offered in their homes.

The motive of his life is fitly expressed in the words so often upon his lips in his last hours. These words were "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Thus after a long and faithful ministry this humble servant of the Lord "fell on sleep" and was "gathered unto his people," awaiting the coming of our Lord and King, the resurrection of the dead and the endless glory that shall follow.

I. A. Blackwood,
J. C. McFeeters,
James Dow.

The consideration of the Committee on Home Missions was resumed. Reports were heard from the Chinese Mission in Oakland and the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia. The report on Home Missions was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Home Missions.

But two papers have been referred to your committee—the Report of the Central Board and that of the Philadelphia presbytery relative to the Jewish Mission.

With reference to the first of these we note with gratitude two things: First, that there has been great activity in spiritual effort in all the missions under the care of the Board, resulting in the conversion of souls and in the developing and strengthening of Christian character. And second, that there has been increased liberality on the part of the church in the support of these missions, as shown by the fact that there is a balance in the treasury of each.

The present plan of distributing the funds for the aid of weak congregations, based upon data received from the presbyteries rather than upon that obtained from the congregations direct, seems to work well and will, we doubt not, give even greater satisfaction as the years go by. In this connection, we would suggest the propriety of furnishing aid to such congregations only whose members as a rule contribute to the support of the gospel according to God's plan of the tithe rather than by a per capita tax, as at present, and that, if need be, presbyteries officially investigate the circumstances of those applying for aid to determine if they are thus giving.

The work of the Southern Mission continues to make pro-

gress, and the wisdom of employing teachers who have had experience before they join the mission force rather than inexperienced ones, is becoming more and more apparent. The Sabbath school is well attended, and the course of instruction followed there a wise one. The committing of Scripture verses and questions is quite extensive, and great zeal and interest of scholars and teachers is made manifest. We note with thanksgiving the encouraging fact that fourteen scholars of the school united with the church, and that others are ready to do so. The Industrial department has shown its usefulness by the noteworthy fact that the scholars and principal of this department furnished the carpenter work for the building and thus saved the church considerable money.

The Indian mission has just closed a most successful year's work. We commend the workers for the enthusiastic and harmonious manner in which the work has been carried forward. We also note with approbation the energetic effort that is being made to have the Word of God and the catechism committed to memory, the high class instruction given in the school room, the laborious work done in the camps and the effective work accomplished in the hospital. We rejoice with the missionaries in the growing interest among the people, the devotion and pious zeal of the converts and the large accession to the congregation this year.

The founder, under God, of the Oakland Chinese mission, Rev. N. R. Johnston, D. D., has been called home after a long life of usefulness and Christian service. We rejoice that before his departure his heart was gladdened by the revival of the work under the care of a new missionary. The work, difficult and slow as it naturally must be, is quite encouraging and hopeful. We note with special satisfaction the steadfastness and increased liberality of the Chinese Covenanters and their adherence to the mission.

With regard to the Jewish mission in Philadelphia, it is with deepest regret we learn that Rev. Moses Greenberg has resigned his position as missionary and has declined to reconsider his resignation. The prosperous state of the work, shown in enlarged attendance at preaching and in the schools, bears testimony to the faithfulness and zeal with which Mr. Greenberg has devoted himself to the difficult work which he expects to leave in October, 1904. With gratitude we hear that Dr. Alexander Caldwell has for another year continued to give his services as physician in the dispensary without compensation.

We recommend:

1. That Synod has heard with satisfaction and gratification the report of the faithful work done in all her home missions, and commends the fidelity of those who have had the over-

sight of this work and the devotion of the workers who have so successfully prosecuted it.

2. That the attention of Ladies' Missionary Societies be called to the needs of the sewing-school of the Southern Mission, especially to the need of more sewing machines.

3. That all our people, ministers and members, who come in the neighborhood of Selma, or any other mission of the church, be invited to spend a little time, if possible, with our missionaries. Such visits are encouraging to those in the field, and at the same time stimulate the interest of the visitors and congregations from which they come.

4. That the appointment of the missionary to the Chinese in Oakland be left to the Central Board of Missions.

5. That the work among the Jews in Philadelphia be continued as heretofore; that the present Committee of Philadelphia Presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D. D., President; Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D., Secretary; S. A. S. Metheney, M. D., Treasurer; Rev. R. C. Montgomery, D. D., A. Caldwell, M. D., W. G. Carson, James Patterson and William Steele, be made a Jewish Mission Board of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, and be located as such in Philadelphia; that the appointment of a missionary be left to this Jewish Mission Board; that twenty-five hundred dollars be appropriated to the work, as heretofore.

J. S. Martin,
J. S. McGaw,
Louis Meyer,
Wilson Dougherty,
J. Walker Wilson.

Central Board of Missions.

The Central Board of Missions would respectfully report:

We have carried on our work during the past year without interruption and with encouraging success. Our financial exhibit is quite satisfactory. In each of the funds there is reported a surplus.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

The plan in use at the present time in deciding as to the amount of Synod's appropriations to be paid each quarter works well. The responsibility of determining how much work has been done and the remuneration to be given is placed upon the Presbyteries where it properly belongs and not on the Board which has not the date necessary in order to come to a decision in each case.

RECEIPTS.

Balance May 1, 1903		$1,459 26
Receipts April 30, 1904	$4,562 88	
Dividends	3,013 40	7.576 28
		$9,035 54
Expenditures April 30, 1904		8,572 11
Balance May 1, 1904		$ 463 43

We ask for this fund $6,000.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

The only change in the mission force this year was the employment of Miss Martha Turner, of Utica, Ohio, who took the place of Miss May Beattie, unable to return on account of sickness. The Board has adopted the policy, when securing the services of new teachers, of giving the preference to those of experience. Miss Turner taught for a number of years in Utica. "The success of Miss Turner," Mr. Reed writes, "again demonstrates the value of sending us experienced teachers. The whole mission force," he adds, "is of very superior ability and to them in the Lord is due the success of the year's efforts."

The school opened Monday, October 5, 1903, and closed on Wednesday, May 25, 1904. The enrollment for the year was 390; average attendance, 272. There was a graduating class of four, two boys and two girls. The health of teachers and scholars was good. The only absence in the case of the teachers was Miss Stewart, who was called home for two months on account of the serious illness of her sister. Mrs. Kingston took her place during her absence.

No change has been made in the course of instruction. In some respects it could be improved, but with our present force it would not be advisable to attempt much of a change

The religious instruction is not neglected. An hour each day is spent in devotional exercises or Bible study This hour, thus spent, Mr. Reed writes, is "appreciated not merely by the pupils but also by parents and visitors."

The total number of portions of scripture and questions in the Catechisms committed to memory was 96,365.

There was an average daily attendance at the Sabbath school of 250, about evenly divided between the morning and afternoon classes. In the morning the International Lessons were followed and in the afternoon the history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah from Rehoboam and Jeroboam to Joash and Jehu, as found 1st and 2d Kings and 1st Chronicles, was studied. Considerable religious interest was manifested by the scholars. Fourteen united with the church. Others are desirous of doing so but are kept back by their parents.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENTS.

Prof. Bottoms has charge of the boys. "He has proved himself," Mr. Reed writes, "eminently fitted for his duties not only

as an instructor but also in his personal influence on the boys." There was an enrollment of 129. The scholars took quite an interest in their work. Several donated labor towards the erection of the building. Articles estimated at the value of $114.20 were made by them for the school. All of the carpenter work on the building was done by them and their instructor. The building will be ready for use at the opening of the next term of school.

Miss Fowler has charge of the Sewing and Cooking departments. "She has made," Mr. Reed writes, "a splendid success of her department." She aims "to teach the girls to work skilfully, economically and harmoniously under any conditions." The sewing department paid expenses, except teacher's salary. Sixty-eight garments, not including handkerchiefs and towels, were finished and nearly all sold. The money was turned over to the department fund. Miss Fowler states that "with few exceptions the girls did their work well and manifested an interest, which is encouraging." The greatest need at the present time is additional sewing machines.

The school receipts from all sources were $1,027.22. Of this amount there are on hand $38.99. $327.69 are in the Southern Mission Current Account.

PLEASANT GROVE.

Mr. Pickens is still in charge. The enrolled attendance of scholars is 31; average 18. The total number of portions of scripture and questions in the catechism committed was 2124. Mr. Reed preaches here on the third Sabbath of the month to an audience of about 30.

VALLEY CREEK.

Mr. Reed writes of the "good work done here" by Mrs. Kynett who is in charge. He refers especially to the increased interest in the Sabbath School. The enrollment was 48; average attendance 20. Total number of portions of scripture and questions committed, 12,080. Mr. Reed preaches here on the first Sabbath of each month.

The mission workers were cheered this year by visits from Elder Torrence, of St. Louis, Elder Leslie and daughter, of New Castle, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. McCartney and Dr. W. P. Johnston. "These visits," Mr. Reed writes, "do much to brighten our lives and stir us up to better work, and quickens the interest of the church, as they get to see it thro' their eyes."

RECEIPTS.

Balance May 1, 1903		$2,827 13
April 30, 1904	$3,547 31	
Dividends	742 98	4,290 29
		$7,117 42
Expenditures April 30, 1904		4,669 50
Balance May 1, 1904		$2,447 92

We ask for this mission $5,000.

INDIAN MISSION.

We are glad to be able to state that the health of Mr. Carithers has greatly improved. He was able to superintend the work during the year as formerly. Mr. McMillan was obliged to return home at the close of the year on account of sickness. He has not as yet sufficiently recovered to resume his duties. The health of the other workers was good.

The mission force during the year consisted of Rev. W. W. Carithers, Superintendent; Mr. McMillan, who had charge of the boys and preached on Sabbath; Dr. Scott, who had charge of the hospital; Mr. McAnlis, a man of all work and had care of the girls; Miss McMillan, who assisted her brother in caring for the boys; Miss Rena McAnlis, who looked after the clothing and many wants of the girls; Miss Mary McFarland, who had the primary room in the school department; Miss Lillie McKnight, who taught the advanced grades; Miss Anna Coleman, who taught music in the school, led in the singing in all meetings and helped in caring for the clothing of the boys; Mrs. Carithers and Miss Alice Carithers, who had charge of the kitchen and dining room for the white workers; Miss Mary Wilson, who set the table for the Indian children and four of the helpers; Miss Mary Adams, who superintended the laundry work; Mr. Woods, who had charge of the farm work; Mr. Cecil, who was temporarily employed fitting up the hospital building and Mr. Ray Taggart, who had charge of the cattle. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Moore took the place of Mr. Woods. Mrs. Carithers was superintendent of the white Sabbath School and spent considerable time in visiting the Indian camps and the white settlers.

Sabbath services were held regularly at the mission and also at other points. The morning session of the day school was taken up with chapel exercises and bible study, usually a chapter or part of a chapter was recited from memory. After chapel one division recited the verses they committed during the evening session while the other division studied verses to recite during the evening session.

The school opened September 14, 1903, and closed May 23, 1904. The total enrollment was 55; average attendance 47. There was some sickness but no death.

The children manifested much interest in their work and showed a marked improvement. This interest was partially awakened by an exhibit of their school work from the school rooms and of the industrial work.

The school is divided into two grades. Grade number one is composed of those who are unable to speak or understand English. It is astonishing how soon they acquire sufficient knowledge to carry on a conversation. When they can do this, they learn the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic as readily as do the white children. One period each day is given to committing Bible verses.

In grade number two, the hours are so arranged that the large boys can help with the farm work and the girls assist in the baking, cleaning, mending and sewing. All the common branches are taught these pupils. The grade corrresponds with the seventh grade in the public schools. The scholars apply themselves diligently during school hours. Their special delight is in committing portions of scripture.

Music is taught each day in both grades. The improvement in singing is very marked and adds greatly to the exercises of worship On Thursday evening the Sabbath school lesson is taught in each grade, and on Friday afternoon the catechism is recited. There were committed 21,751 portions of scripture and questions in the Catechism.

Dr. Ida Scott had charge of the hospital since October, 1903. The total number of cases treated by her was 2,130; 200 of these were outside of our mission premises. The expenses and receipts were $136.20; $105.00 were contributed by the mission workers. Financially the report is not what Dr. Scott had hoped for. "On account of the drought," she writes, "it has been a very hard year on the white people, so that they have scarcely enough to live on, much less pay Doctor's bills. And then the Indians have been receiving treatment from Mr. Carithers and the government gratis for so long that it is almost impossible to get anything from any except a few of the Christians." It is hoped that the next year's financial exhibit will be more favorable. The hospital is supplying a much felt want and will, no doubt, prove very helpful to onr work.

The expenses of the mission this year were greater than for some other years, largely due to the dry weather which continued from May, 1903 to April 30th, 1904. The expenses of living have increased in Oklahoma just as they have in other locations.

Respecting the work done during the year, Mr. Carithers writes that it has been "fine in the progress the children have made; in the spirit they have exhibited; in the attitude of the older Indians toward the work; in the spiritual life manifested among them; in the turning again toward the truth of some who had turned aside: in the size of the audiences on Sabbath; and in the profit in spiritual things which the work has been to the white workers and to the mission."

The Lord's Supper was dispensed twice. There was an accession of 12, of whom 8 were Indians and 4 whites. The number of communicants connected with the congregation is 72, of whom 65 are Indians.

Mr. Carithers bears testimony to the efficiency and disinterestedness of all concerned with the mission, the earnest efforts made to carry on the work and the delightful harmony that prevailed. He bears testimony also to the valuable services rendered by the kind friends who assisted for a time in carrying on the work.

RECEIPTS.

Balance May 1, 1903		$1,250 92
Recipts April 30, 1904	$4,119 28	
Dividend	67 50	4,186 78
		$5,437 70
Expenditures April 30, 1904		3,225 66
Balance May 1, 1904		$2,212 04

We ask for this mission $5,000.

CHINESE HOME MISSION.

The Board was not able to secure the services of a superintendent for this mission until the beginning of the year, at which time Rev. Isaiah Faris took charge. It was not, however, abandoned during the preceding months. The scholars met in their building regularly, Mrs. Sarah C. Borland meeting with them as she was able. They were unwilling to have the work cease and showed their interest by subscribing the sum of $105.00 to support a missionary.

Since Mr. Faris took charge there has been an attendance of 26 and an average attendance of a little less than 11 on the Sabbath, of 10 on Wednesday evenings and 9 on other evenings. Of these 26, 10 are baptized members of the church. One of these returned to China last February.

During the time Mr. Faris had charge, he preached forty-six sermons, twenty-three of which were to the Chinese. The attention was good.

This year the missson contributed contingent expenses, $16.95; for Indian and Chinese Missions, $17.80; for Syrian Mission, $5.00; for the Oakland Mission, $105.00, and for Synod s travelling fund, $12.00. Nineteen of the scholars have subscribed $160.00 for the support of a missionary during the present Synodical year.

Mr. Faris was assisted in his work by Mrs. Borland and the family of Mr. C. R. Dill, formerly of Topeka congregation. One of his sons, Bruce L., was employed at a nominal salary as an assistant teacher, and is in charge during Mr. Faris' absence.

There are some conditions which make the Board more hopeful of obtaining better results in this mission, and unless otherwise directed by Synod, we shall request Mr. Faris to remain in charge another year.

In the death of Rev. N. R. Johnston the mission lost a warm friend Indeed it is owing to his persistent efforts that the work in Oakland was not abandoned years ago.

RECEIPTS.

Balance May 1, 1903		$ 877 17
Receipts April 30, 1904	$ 198 05	
Dividends	542 45	740 50
		$1,617 67
Expenditures April 30, 1904		612 65
Balance May 1, 1904		$1,005 02

JEWISH MISSION.

Regular monthly remittances have been sent to the Treasurer of this mission.

Balance May 1, 1903	$ 560 56
Receipts April 30, 1904	1.633 54
	$2,194 10
Expenditures April 30, 1904	2,055 00
Balance on hand May 1, 1904	$139 10

The Chairman wus appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman.
A. C. COULTER, Secretary,
W. J. COLEMAN, Cor. Sec'y.

Report of the Jewish Mission.

The Philadelphia Presbytery, to which has been committed the care of the Jewish Mission, respectfully reports:

The past year has been one of mingled encouragement and affliction in our mission among the Jews. Mrs. Greenberg, the wife of our missionary, was compelled by the state of her health to spend part of the year in Germany, and, during the whole year, was unable to share, as she had so efficiently done, in the labors of the mission. Mrs. Greenberg's services, freely given, had always heretofore been of very great value, and she was attended in her affliction by the affectionate symathy and solicitude of all who knew her.

On the other hand the attendance on the various services at the mission has been larger than heretofore, the interest has been steady and well sustained, and the gifts of the Church for this cause have been adequate for its needs. None have been received by baptism into the Christian fold, but we would be faint-hearted and unbelieving if for that reason we should be discouraged from preaching the gospel while we find audiences willing to hear. Many are willing to read the Scriptures, both the Old Testament and the New. There has been a constant and wide distribution of Christian literature in various forms. All the teaching, in the sewing school and the night school, as well as in the Sabbath school, is made conducive to the imparting of Christian truth, and not a few of the children have been free to acknowledge, in simple and unaffected ways, their belief in Jesus as the Savior of men.

It is with deep regret that we report the resignation of the missionary, the Rev. Moses Greenberg, to take effect in October next. Mr. Greenberg was careful to state that he was moved to this step, not by any friction between himself and the Committee in charge of the mission, nor on account of any seeming want of interest or withholding of support on the part of the Church, nor because of anything discouraging in the condition of the mission,

but solely for reasons personal to himself. The Committee held two prolonged conferences with Mr. Greenberg and laid before him all the arguments which seemed pertinent to the case, but were not able to change the decision which he had reached. The resignation was, therefore, reluctantly accepted, and resolutions were adopted acknowledging the faithful and self-sacrificing services of both Mr. Greenberg and his wife during years past, and commending them to the gracious providence of Christ and the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

It is the judgment of the Committee and the Presbytery that, notwithstanding this disappointment, the work should still be faithfully prosecuted. It is by no means indispensable that the missionary himself be a Hebrew. Any competent and devoted missionary will find an open door among the English-speaking Jews. The providences which have led us into this field and the liberality of the Church in providing for the work are considerations which ought not to be disregarded. We have, therefore, sought, though thus far without success, to fill the vacancy. We trust that Synod will direct the continuance of the work, making such arrangement as in its wisdom may seem best to that end.

It is due to one member of the committee, Dr. Alexander Caldwell, to state that he has for another year continued to give his services as physician without compensation, meeting patients in the dispensary twice in the week, and treating during the year more than seven hundred patients.

T. P. STEVENSON,
Secretary of Committee.

Report of Mission Conference.

The Mission Conference, consisting of the Members of the Central Board of Missions and a representative from each of the Presbyteries, met according to appointment of Synod in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Sparta, Ill., on May 25, 1904. G. A. Edgar was elected Chairman, R. H. Martin, Clerk. Three sessions were held. The needs of the weak congregations for the coming year were carefully considered and the Conference agreed to recommend to Synod the following appropriations:

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

For Denver, $7.50 a day for supplies, for a settlement	$ 600
" Los Angeles	750
" Canon City, as much for supplies as congregation raises, not to exceed	250
" La Junta	300
	$1,900

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY,

For St. Louis	$ 700
" Staunton	300
" Coulterville, for supplies	150
In case of settlement	300
	$1,150 or $1,300

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

For Chicago	$ 800
" Vernon	100
" Hickory Grove, $6 per day up to	150
	$1,050

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

For Billings	$ 330
" Topeka	400
" Tabor	300
" Denison	200
" Holmwood, an amount equal to that raised by the congregation, not to exceed	350
" Quinter, an amount equal to that raised by the congregation, not to exceed	200
" Wahoo	300
	$2,080

N. B. & N. S. PRESBYTERY.

For St. John	$ 150
" Cornwallis	300
" Barnesville, $7.00 per day for extra service to an amount not to exceed	200
	$ 650

NEW YORK.

For Kortright	$ 200

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

For New Concord	$ 200
" Muskingum and Tomica	100
	$ 300

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

For McKeesport	$ 500
" Youngstown	450
" East End	200
" Clarksburg	140
" Rehoboth	40
	$1,330

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

For Lisbon	$ 150

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

For Ryegate	$ 75

LAKES PRESBYTERY.

For Fairgrove	$ 300
" Cedarville	$ 200
" Bellefontaine	$ 300
Belle Centre, an amount equal to that raised by the congregation not to exceed	$ 350
	$1,150

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. A. EDGAR, Chairman.
R. H. MARTIN, Clerk.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. The fourth item was amended and all were adopted. The Secretary of the Mission Board and the returned Missionaries were heard. The report was adopted as a whole and the Synod was led in prayer by C. D. Trumbull. The report is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

In presenting an epitome of the report of the Foreign Mission Board, attention is first called to our fields of labor and to the laborers. The field in Syria includes Latakia and Suadia, with sub-stations at Gunaimia and Tartoos.

The laborers are Revs. J. S. Stewart, Miss Mattie R. Wylie, Miss Willia A. Dodds, Miss Maggie R. Edgar and Dr. Balph in Latakia, and Rev. C. A. Dodds and Miss Meta Cunningham at Suadia.

The field in Asia Minor includes Mersina, with Tarsus and Adana as sub-stations. The laborers are Rev. R. J. Dodds, Miss Evadna Sterrett and Miss Lizzie McNaughton.

The Cyprus field includes the entire Island, with Larnaca as a center. The mission is in charge of Rev. Walter McCarroll.

The field in China is in the province of Canton, on the Se Kiang or West River, about 200 miles from the sea. The laborers are the Revs. A. I. and J. K. Robb, Dr. J. Maude George, Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney, Dr. Wright, and Miss Jennie B. Torrence.

The dealings of Providence with these various fields should be specially mentioned. We note the retirement of the Rev. J. B. Dodds from the foreign field; the serious illness of Miss Willia A. Dodds, necessitating her return to the home land; the death of Mrs. Ella Torrence Robb, wife of Rev. A. I. Robb; the prevalence in a number of our mission stations of cholera, smallpox and other diseases, interfering seriously with the prosecution of the work.

Over against these seemingly adverse providences should be placed others of an encouraging nature. In this class we note especially the increase of the working force by the addition of Rev. Walter McCarroll and Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney. Dr. Calvin McCarroll has been appointed to fill the vacancy in Cyprus, caused by the retirement of Dr. Moore, and will enter upon his labors in the fall.

The work in these various fields, though done under adverse circumstances, has been productive of great good. We note with pleasure the increase in the number of converts, and the testimony furnished as to the genuine Christian character of these converts.

Attention should be called to the large bequests for the sup-

port of the work, without which the debt would have been largely increased. The church should not depend upon bequests for carrying forward our foreign work, but should contribute annually what is necessary for its support.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to appoint additional laborers, as there may be need, and as the funds may warrant.

2. That the attention of the members of the church be called to the condition of the Foreign Mission treasury, and that they study the treasurer's report, so that they may be impressed with the necessity of increased liberality.

3. That a training school for native workers be established in Cyprus, provided the fees charged be sufficient or almost sufficient to cover the expenses.

4. That the Sabbaths preceding the days for the collections for the Syrian Mission, and the Mission in China, be observed as days of special prayer for Foreign Missions, and that sessions be requested to arrange for the proper observance of these days.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Wylie,
R. H. Martin,
E. A. Crooks,
S. E. McElhinney,
S. O. Sterrett.

Report of the Foreign Mission Board.

The great need of the Covenanter Church, in order to more thoroughness in its missionary work, is a revival of religion in the hearts and homes of its members. Claiming to hold the principles of the Second Reformation, we should emulate the evangelistic zeal of the ministers who labored so successfully in that bright period of Scottish history, and should seek for a religious awakening similar to that which then swept over almost every part of Scotland. A repetition of the fearless testimony for truth that distinguished the first half of the seventh century would put the first half of the twentieth century into history as the era of missionary triumph. Nor are there wanting signs of spiritual quickening in many directions. In a majority of the congregations and in almost all Mission centers at home and abroad, there has been a growing interest in the aggressive operations of the Church, that ought to be utilized, as skilful mariners take the tides when they flow. In the foreign fields seasons of prayer for the Holy Spirit have been accompanied with manifest tokens of His presence and power, These are intimations of the will of God that, as the sound of a going in the tops of the mulbery trees, should lead spiritual men to bestir themselves.

It is noteworthy, as has often been pointed out, that the ministry of the gospel and the outpouring of the Spirit were inaugurated at the same time, and that these together were the signals of the formal investiture of Christ with His mediatorial authority. Consequently

loyalty to His crown supposes a conviction that in answer to prayer, He will bestow the necessary equipment for service, and make evangelism successful. The Board therefore recommends the appointment of a day of prayer for the foreign Missions, leaving each Session free to select the day and devise a plan that, in view of local circumstances, will be most likely to secure its general observance.

A brief survey of the work, in which are embodied the leading facts and incidents reported from the several fields, will be necessary to give a correct view of the present condition of the Missions.

Many circumstances have operated to retard the progress of the work in Syria. From the retirement of Rev. J. B. Dodds, early in 1903, there was no resident minister in Suadia till the end of May, when Rev. C. A. Dodds took charge. While able to speak, in his annual statement, of a fair attendance at the preaching services on Sabbath, occasionally "taxing the seating capacity of the chapel," he could not, at time of writing, report any additions to the native membership of eighteen communicants. Owing to the appearance of cholera, school work was not resumed until after the middle of November. Then the Boys' Boarding School was opened with an enrollment of thirty-five, and it has been carried on with an irregular attendance of from sixty-five to seventy boys, including both boarding and day pupils. The Girls' Boarding School was not, for a variety of reasons, called together till the last week in January, when almost immediately sickness entered, throwing the work into confusion, from which it has not yet fully recovered. Besides having charge of this school, Miss Cunningham conducts the Sabbath school, holds a large weekly meeting for women, in which they show a deep interest, and which promises to be an effective agency in reaching the homes of the people, and also practices medicine, holding a clinic three times a week, as well as tending to many outside cases. Though not in good health, she remained at the post of duty during the winter, and has only recently consented to take a brief furlough, which will be spent with friends in England.

In Latakia center similar hindrances were met with. Rev. Jas. S. Stewart, who went with his family to Kessab for a short rest in July, 1903, was prevented by the cholera cordon from returning home till January, 1904, and from carrying out his plan to spend his vacation months in visiting the outposts. During his enforced absence the pulpit in town was occupied by a Scripture reader, who has been identified with the Mission for many years, while the licentiate preached at some of the outlying stations. Since his return, Mr. Stewart has administered the Lord's Supper at Gunaimia and Tartoos. But, as no formal statement has been received from the mission, we are unable to report the net increase and present native membership.

An epidemic of smallpox in the town and cholera in the vicinity made it necessary to exercise great prudence in resuming school work. In good season, nowever, the Boys' School under Miss Edgar and the Girls' School under Miss Wylie were in operation, with about the same enrollment as in former years. But exact statistics cannot be reported. Miss Edgar has been granted a leave of absence from July, and will spend her vacation in the United States.

The work at Tartoos is still in charge of licentiate Jaraidiny, who preaches on Sabbath to large audiences, and conducts a school during the week with very encouraging results.

An event that has carried sorrow into the hearts of many friends in this country and of all the missionaries, is the serious illness of Miss Willia A. Dodds, who was stricken with paralysis February 2, and is still in a critical condition. Happily she has had the constant attention of Dr. Balph, and in case she recovers strength sufficient,

in his opinion, to justify so long a voyage, she will be brought home. After more than sixteen years of faithful service, first as teacher, and from 1896 as matron of the Latakia hospital, where she ministered with peculiar tenderness to the bodies and souls of the patients, Miss Dodds has fallen at her post, and when the hour comes she will wear the crown of loyalty to duty.

In the absence of Miss Sterrett, nursing her cousin at Latakia, and of Miss McNaughton on forlough, the whole responsibility for the school work in Asia Minor has been thrown on Rev. R. J. Dodds. He has, however, reliable teachers; and, although unable to give detailed information about the schools in Mersina, he is able to report that at the beginning of the new year there were fifty boarders in the Boys' School and thirty-seven in the Girls' School, and that the normal attendance of the day pupils has been fifty-five girls and seventy boys. And there are more children in the boarding schools from the pagan Nusairia than in former years. In illustration of the effect of the teaching, Mr. Dodds tells us that not a few of of the children "point out to their friends at home the evil of Mariolatry and saint worship, and often, when evangelical doctrines and practices have been attacked in their presence, have they risen up as advocates of truth, defending it warmly and successfully." "Many of them," he contiues, "have been reproached as Protestants because they refuse to do marketing for their parents when spending Sabbath at home. Some of them complain to us of the disobedience of their children, as if we were training them to disrespect their parents. Others, more wise, are pleased with it as a mark of moral growth and strength. Some of the older pupils are connected with the church, and others who would like to be are prevented by their friends from confessing Christ."

The attendance at Sabbath school, except during the summer holidays, is about one hundred and fifteen, including "many adults, and even rather aged people" who "represent many sects." Mr. Dodds rightly regards their presence there and "in other religious gatherings as surely indicating a serious condition of mind." More than once an old man from the Orthodox Greeks has said to him: "Our Church was Protestant in its early history before your Church was born, but unfortunately it forsook the gospel way long ago." Listen to the words of a mother: "My daughter has ceased to be a Greek. She does not belive any more in showing her respect for the saints and their pictures in the manner we do. She has forsaken our Church customs and tries to induce us to do so, too. Still, I believe all you have taught her is for her good." Or mark the way in which one of the teachers has expressed himself: "I hope the truth we are sowing in their minds will be good for the future of this land." We reproduce these incidents in the official Report of the Board, believing they will do far more than abstract statements to convince the Church that God is blessing the work of our Missions and challenging a more liberal support in the shape of men and money.

In Tarsus the gospel is preached twice on Sabbath and during the week by the licentiate, who is also very diligent in visiting the people in their homes and giving them instruction there. In Adana the work is said to be specially interesting because of a Berean spirit of inquiry manifested in searching the Scriptures. "There is at the present time," writes Mr. Dodds, "a movement among a number of Sheikhs of that sect whom it is our special object to reach. Four of them at least are reading the Scriptures with great interest, one of them a lawyer, an advocate. Another is exceedingly intelligent, and apparently child-like in his search for the truth." At the Auba, too, many are favorably disposed toward the gospel, and through the quiet

influence of the teacher in whose house the meetings are held, there is a conspicuous improvement in the morals of the community.

The Lord's Supper has been administered in Tarsus and in Adana, an accession of one in each place, but not yet in Mersina, where the attendance at public worship on Sabbath is about one hundred and thirty, "on some rare occasions over two hundred." For lack of statistics showing increase and decrease, we cannot give the number of communicants.

The devotedness of our missionary, who has been laboring alone in this field for some years, is seen in the way in which he spent the holidays last summer. He has a house in Guzne, a pleasant resort in the mountains, for his family; and with the assistance of some brethren who were there he "erected a shady booth of branches of trees as a tent for worship. It could accommodate one hundred peaple; and, the village having few attractions to lead men away from the house of prayer, it was generally well filled twice on Sabbath and once during the week."

Surely, in view of the prosperous condition and pressing needs of the Mission, some young minister should be willing to consecrate himself to the service of the Lord in this field or in that of Northern Syria. While some are ready to go to China, or to Cyprus because under British protection, they are not ready to go to Turkey, where, as one of them put it recently, "the missionary is in constant conflict with the Government." This is natural, but does it not indicate a want of full self-surrender to the will of the Master? When He calls the answer should be ."Yes, Lord; now and anywhere." Arthur R. Dray, D.D.S., has been appointed medical missionary, and will be sent out on receiving his medical diploma in March, 1905. But a minister should be on the ground this autumn.

The work in Cyprus was without a missionary superintendent for about seven months, from the departure of Dr. W. M. Moore, who returned home in May, 1903, to the arrival of Rev. Walter McCarroll, November 26, the same year. During that time the native evangelists and colporteurs were not idle, but the results were not satisfactory to Mr. McCarroll. Impressed with a conviction that nothing can be accomplished without the promised power of the Holy Spirit, he at once gathered the workers around him for prayer, and the burden of all his letters to the Church has been the Pauline appeal, Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified." His brother Calvin, a man of kindred spirit, was appointed missionary physician March 29, 1904, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Moore, which was accepted November 26, 1903. A graduate from Detroit Medical College, May, 1904, and highly recommended for professional skill, evangelistic activity and social qualities, arrangements will be made for his departure not later than September of this year. In the opinion of all who are acquainted with the spiritual condition of the island, another minister should be sent out as soon as practicable, and the mission authorized to increased the staff of native preachers and establish day schools wherever the work seems to demand them. In the opinion of Mr. McCarroll there should also be established a school for the training of native helpers, with an American teacher in charge, thus relieving him from all work of that kind. He refers to five or six promising boys, children of our own people, who ought to be educated, and unless some special provision is made for their education, their parents will be compelled to send them to schools where the teaching is hostile to their new convictions of truth or to Protestant institutions outside of the island. The day school, at present in successful operation, with about thirty-five pupils, nearly equally divided among the Greeks, Moslems and Armenians, is an indication of what

might be accomplished by one more thoroughly equipped. But in the absence of a formal statement from the field, we cannot go into details, nor can we furnish exact statistics of the work in any of its departments.

A brief but very cheering report comes to us from China. There are now thirteen converts in Tak Hing, a net increase of nine during the year. The reality of these conversions from idolatry to the service of the living God is seen in an eagerness to bring others to a knowledge of the truth that carries the mind back instinctively to the early ages of Christianity. Incidents quite as startling as any met with in the Evangels or the Acts are recorded in the letters of missionaries. Not only do our representatives preach the gospel, but copies of the gospel are put into the hands of the Chinese on excursions made for this purpose, and thus many are reached with the message of eternal life who do not yet attend the preaching services. Much, too, is being accomplished through the medical department. "Both Dr. Wright and Dr. George," says the report, "have been called several times to see patients in the city. All who apply for medical aid are given an opportunity to hear the gospel, and in many cases an interest has been aroused in this way. In this department, as in that of preaching and teaching, the opportunities are much greater than our abilities to meet them." The chief drawback seems to be the want of native helpers.

At the first meeting of the Board after the adjournment of last Synod, Drs. Kate and Jane McBurney were appointed to Tak Hing, and reached China November 26, 1903, the former to be supported by Colorado Presbytery and the latter by First Philadelphia. The condition of the work is calling the Church to send forth more laborers into this promising field.

The Mission has sustained a severe loss in the removal of Mrs. Ella Torrence Robb, wife of our pioneer missionary, a consecrated woman, and a vital force in that community, who was called to her reward November 16, 1903, to be followed exactly two months later by her second son, Joseph Kerr. We adore the grace that has sustained our brother under these repeated bereavements, and made him willing to bring his three motherless children to America that, leaving them with friends, he may in a few months return alone; and yet not alone, for the Lord will be with him. His visit to the United States at this time, wih Miss Torrence, should be a spring of blessing to the Church.

Although already announced at different times through the press, the Board records in its official Report for preservation in the history of the Church, certain offerings that have been made for special purposes during the year. Mrs. M. M. Gregg, of Allegheny, has donated $300 to purchase a site for the hospital building in Tak Hing, for the erection of which she had already given $1,000. Mrs. Robert McNeil and her children, of New York, have paid into the treasury $1,000 to build a chapel in Tak Hing Chau, as a memorial of the late Elder Robert McNeill, a devoted friend of missionary work. Rev. D. J. Shaw, of New Alexander, Pa., has given $1,200 to erect a building in any of the foreign fields as a memorial of his wife, the late Martha J. Shaw. And Miss S. W. Wiggins, of Philadelphia, has contributed $2,000 in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. S. R. Wiggins; $1,000 to the Missions in Syria and Asia Minor, to be expended as the Board may decide, for some special purpose or purposes; $500 to the hospital at Tak Hing Chau, to be used at the discretion of Dr. J. Maude George; and $500 to go toward founding a new station in China or to be held subject to the call of Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney.

At a recent meeting of the Board, Mr. Walter T. Miller, who has so long and so efficiently served the Church as Treasurer of its Foreign Missions, gave notice of his intention to resign. Synod is urgently requested not to accept the resignation, as Mr. Miller's eminent qualifications for the position, as well as his personal popularity, seem to make his services indispensable.

In closing, the Board asks for a careful study of the financial reports. They indicate clearly three facts that should be borne in mind:

1. The receipts from congregational collections, Sabbath Schools and missionary societies, the only reliable source of supply, amount to $1,520.68 more than the appropriation of Synod, and yet are $504.83 less than those of last year.

2. Anyone, looking only at the totals, will mark with pleasure that the excess of income over outlay is $3,789.78 in the Syrian Mission, and $3,058.13 in the Mission to China. But it must not be overlooked that among the receipts is included an exceptionally large bequest of $9,571.96; and only for that bequest, the expenditures would have exceeded the receipts by $2,782.18 in the Syrian Mission, thus largely increasing the debt, and the Mission to China would show a credit balance of only $58.13.

3. The increase that is noticed in the contribution to the Mission in China is not really an increase, but the transfer of support from an old field to a new.

If the missionary work of the Church is to be sustained and extended, the Synod should add $5,000 or $10,000 to its appropriation for this enterprise, and the people should learn to give, not on impulse, nor as a matter of form, but as an act of Christian worship. The windows of heaven will never be opened till the tithes are brought into the storehouse, the tithes will never be paid until the whole life, religious and secular, is more completely under control of the Holy Spirit, and He will never come in His quickening power till the Covenanter Church is on its knees before God.

Respectfully submitted,
In the name of the Board,
R. M. SOMMERVILLE, Cor. Sec.

The following resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Finance: Resolved that the Synod appoint a day for the lifting of a building fund. looking to the purchase of the Dr. Metheny mission property in Mersine, the amount necessary to be named by the Foreign Mission Board.

A. J. McFarland, Sr., and J. R. Latimer were granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned with prayer by D. C. Martin.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met in the same place at 9 A. M., Tuesday, May 31st, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called and the following members were absent: Allen T. J., Carlisle, Coulter, Graham, Judson, McDonald, McFarland, A. J., Jr., McGaw, Poole and Wisely; most of whom soon appeared.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

It was resolved that all speeches be limited to three minutes each.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table and its consideration resumed at item 3d, on Digest and revision of the Book of Discipline. This item was laid over until next meeting of Synod.

Item 9.—The printing and sale of minutes. The Clerk of last Synod reported. The report was accepted and adopted and the deficit referred to the Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

Publishing Minutes of 1903.

The Clerk would respectfully report that he published 800 copies of the Minutes of 1903.

The expense was	$250 08
The receipts from the sale of 753 copies were...	195 78
Deficit	$ 54 30

18 copies were given away or lost in the mail.

29 copies are still on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Shaw.

Item 11.—Correction of the minutes of last Synod. The Clerk reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Correction of Minutes of 1903.

Page 63, lines 26 and 30, for "Green" read Greer.

Page 87, to first foot note add, See pages 82 and 85.

Page 163, line 47, for "$150.34" read $154.38.

The report on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Unfinished Business.

Your Committee reports the following items:

Item 1. Permanent Committee on Revision of Psalms, W. J. Coleman, Chairman.

Item 2. Committee on Distribution of Home Mission and Sustentation Funds, F. M. Foster, Chairman. Pages 51 and 83.

Item 3. Committee to Revise the Book of Discipline and to prepare a Digest of Laws, W. J. Coleman Chairman. Pages 69 and 83.

Item 4. Delegate to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, E. A. Crooks. Page 83.

Item 5. Delegate to the Christian Reformed Church, C. M. Smith. Page 83.

Item 6. Committee on Closer Relations with the Christian Reformed Church, C. M. Smith, Chairman. Page 83.

Item 7. Delegate to Joint Conference on Marriage and Divorce, T. P. Stevenson. Page 83.

Item 8. Chairman of the Committee on Evangelistic Work to arrange for a conference on some book of the Bible, J. S. McGaw. Page 152.

Item 9. Clerk to publish Minutes of 1903.

Item 10. Stated Clerk to publish new statistical blanks. Page 86.

Item 11. Correction of Minutes, Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Shaw,
J. C. French.

It was resolved that Cedarville congregation having failed to receive an appropriation of $200 voted by last Synod as a supplement to the pastor's salary, receive this amount out of the Domestic Mission Fund.

The Committee on National Reform reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption. T. P. Stevenson was heard urging the claims of the National Reform cause. While this report was under consideration, the hour arrived for hearing the delegates of the Reformed Presbyterian General Synod. Rev. W. J. Smiley was present and addressed the court. The Moderator made a fitting response.

It was resolved that we have heard with pleasure the Rev. W. J. Smiley, the fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian General Synod, and that we express our deep interest in the continued existence and well-being of that Church.

The consideration of the report on National Reform was resumed and all the items were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

National Reform.

Your Committee on National Reform would respectfully report that we have, with much satisfaction, considered the report of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association. We find good cause for gratitude to God for the successes of the year, and for the wide and effectual doors that still stand open before us. We deeply regret the temporary retirement of Dr.

George from active field labor, and hope for his speedy recovery of health and return to the work.

We recommend:

1. That the Report of the Executive Committee be published in connection with this report.

2. The systematic study of the principles of Christian civil government by individuals and classes.

3. That our young people in their society meeting on the Sabbath before the Fourth of July be kindly urged to make an offering to the cause of the Bible in the public schools.

4. The contribution by our people of the full amount of Synod's quota for National Reform, and that as far as practicable the offerings be accompanied by the names of the donors.

5. That there be in our homes and churches more patriotic prayer for the saving of the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Shaw,
D. McAllister,
C. D. Trumbull,
John A. Dodds,
J. K. Elsey.

Report of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association.

The National Reform Association, grateful for the support through all the years of its history, which it has received from the Reformed Presbyterian church, gladly complies with your request for a report each year of the work which it endeavors to do. To speak of our whole work would swell this report beyond due limits. We can only refer to the most important points.

I.—THE LABORERS EMPLOYED.

Dr. H. H. George has been in impaired health during the whole of the year, and has done no regular field work. It is ground of thankfulness that he seems to be improving and hopes, after a further season of rest, to resume his labors.

Our other laborers are as follows: T. P. Stevenson, General Secretary and editor of the Christian Statesman and of other publications of the Association, giving part of his time throughout the year; Dr. R. C. Wylie, Treasurer, Business Manager and Assistant Editor of the Christian Statesman, giving part of his time throughout the year; the Rev. J. R. Millin, Financial Secretary, who entered on the work in November, 1903, and served during the last six months of the year; and Professor J. R. Dill, who has given his whole time to the work.

The Association has given much study to the problem how

to reach the whole people—not merely a portion of the people in a few localities—with the message of Christ as the nation's King. It is self-evident that this cannot be done, with our present or prospective resources, by sending out men to lecture and preach. Forty-five traveling secretaries would only afford one for each State of the United States, and no one man could reach and influence all the citizens in even a single State. But it is possible by comprehensive and systematic plans to reach all the ministers of the gospel, all the newspapers, religious and secular, all the colleges, all the teachers of the United States, with our literature and our appeals. It is our judgment, therefore, that a steadily increasing proportion of the funds at our disposal ought to be employed in correspondence and in the production of a suitable literature of the movement.

Nearly two hundred local secretaries, mostly pastors, have agreed to represent the cause, and to work for it as they have opportunity, in their respective localities.

II.—THE FINANCIAL RECEIPTS.

Notwithstanding the disability of the Field Secretary during the year, the receipts of the Treasurer have been but little short of last year; with his efficient services they would have been greatly increased. The amount sent directly to the Treasurer is almost one thousand dollars more than last year. The number of contributing churches is slowly increasing, 198 churches of nine different denominations having made offerings for this cause during the year.

III.—LITERATURE.

Of new documents issued during the year we mention "The Case of Mr. Smoot," a leaflet of twenty-four pages, of which ten thousand copies were issued; "Lynch Law and the Principles of Justice," of which, in various forms, thirty thousand copies were issued; "The Neglected Half of the Gospel," five thousand copies. The Christian Statesman has been regularly published with a circulation of three thousand copies. These issues, together with new editions of former documents, make up an aggregate of more than a million and a half of pages which have been issued and carefully distributed during the year.

IV.—MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Association for 1903 was held in connection with the Pennsylvania State Convention on November 17 and 18, 1903. Besides these, State conventions were held in Kansas at the City of Lawrence, May, 1903; in Iowa, at Oskaloosa, November, 1903; with local conferences at Wilmington, Del.; at Rochester, Pa., for Beaver county; at New Bedford, Pa., for Lawrence county; in the chapel of Geneva Colleege at Beaver Falls,

and in other places. Mention should also be made of the series of Institutes, fifteen in number, held under the direction of Prof. J. R. Dill in as many different towns for the discussion of the Christian principles of citizenship.

V.—CORRESPONDENCE.

Twenty thousand copies of the calls for the above meetings, together with circular letters, have been sent to pastors. Ten thousand copies of a memorial to the Senate of the United States protesting against the presence of a Mormon apostle in that body, with our literature on that subject and a request that their churches should adopt it, was sent to pastors. A request for the observance of the Day of Prayer for Public and Private Schools was sent to 6,661 pastors, and nearly ten thousand copies of the article on "Lynch Law and the Principles of Justice" were sent to pastors with the request that they secure its insertion in local papers. It was very widely republished. A letter was sent to the President of the United States, and to the Governor of every State and Territory, asking for the acknowledgment of Christ in their annual Thanksgiving proclamations. The Governors of Michigan and South Dakota complied with this request, and in courteous letters expressed the hope that their action would be found satisfactory to the Christian sentiment of the country.

VI.—NEW LINES OF WORK.

1. A Christian Citizenship Pledge. We have placed in circulation the following pledge: "We, citizens of the United States whose names are underwritten, acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as the Ruler of nations, and His law as the supreme standard of right and wrong; and we pledge ourselves to Him and to one another to study the laws of His kingdom; to obey His will as citizens in all things so far as known to us; and to use our influence and power, as citizens, to secure the acknowledgment of His authority and obedience to His will in all things by our nation and our government." Our purpose in the issuing of this pledge is to increase the number of sermons and addresses on the fundamental principle of the National Reform movement, and to enroll and combine all those in the nation, as far as we may be able, who are willing to accept it and promise to act upon it.

2. Special literature is being provided for the use of classes in Young People's societies, and of single students, who may be willing to pursue a special course of studies in the Christian Principles of Civil Government.

3. An International Conference. All the great questions with which the National Reform Movement is called to deal in the United States are living questions in all civilized countries. This is true of the relation of education to religion; of the Sabbath rest; of laws relating to the family; of the relation of constitutions,

written and unwritten, to Christianity; and of all kindred questions. Their right settlement in all lands will be furthered and hastened by the co-operation of those who are engaged in the discussion of them. It is obvious on the slightest reflection how greatly such a conference, if attended in reasonable numbers by delegates from abroad, would aid our work among the Christian people of the United States. And it will not be difficult to secure a representation from many lands. The missionaries in the non-Christian lands are the men who are laying the foundations for the social order of the future. Some day they will be called to guide the new peoples who have been born into the kingdom of Christ in establishing Christian institutions of government. They can give valuable reports even now of the bearing of government upon religious interests. As there are always many missionaries at home on furlough, we will be able to gather from out of their number a very full and most interesting representation for such a conference. And, besides, we hope to secure the presence of leading citizens from many nominally Christian nations to consider the questions of world-wide interest which would naturally come before such a conference.

It is hoped that such a conference may be held in the year 1907.

We respectfully ask the renewal of your appointment of an annual offering for this cause in the churches of your body.

T. P. Stevenson,
R. C. Wylie,
David M'Allister,
J. S. Martin,
F. M. Wilson,
J. R. Wylie,
R. H. Martin,
J. S. Thompson,
D. C. Martin.

R. M. Sommerville was requested to furnish his address on Foreign Mission Work and T. P. Stevenson his address on National Reform for publication.

A collection for the janitor was taken up amounting to $20.25.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was laid on the table for the present.

Devotional Exercises were held, J. S. Dodds leading.

The Synod took a recess until 1:30 P. M., P. P. Boyd leading in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met at 1:30 P. M. and was opened with prayer by J. W. Sproull.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

It was decided that the Mission Conference meet at 10 A. M. on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1905.

The following resolution was received and laid over till next Synod: That the Mission Conference consist hereafter of one representative of each Presbytery and one from the Central Board of Missions and that each member be duly accredited.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was taken up item by item for adoption. One item was struck out and all the others were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report of Sabbath Schools.

Our Lord authorized "Teaching" as well as "Preaching." Under His "great commission" He requires His Church to make "scholars" for Him. The "Bible school" is a church institution, under her control and care. Its success as a spiritual agency, through God's blessing, is a token of His approval. The twenty-five hundred mission scholars reported last year as receiving spiritual instruction in our schools, show that our church now realizes her duty to her Lord, in her efforts to save the perishing.

The teacher's relation to the school is implied in Jesus' command, "Feed My lambs." And that being then the primary command, implies that this work is a primary need. All our schools should be developing and bringing into actual service the church's latent energy and spiritual power for saving the children of the Godless around them. The Bible shows that catechetical instruction was a means divinely appointed to aid in the establishment of Christ's kingdom.

The "Socratic," or "Interlocutory Method," of teaching by questioning rather than by lecturing, is best for youthful minds.

This method is just as needful and helpful for imparting instruction and for securing permanent results in religious education as in the secular. A weakness in many schools is poor teaching, resulting from a lack of spirituality, or consecration and of preparation, along with indifference, worldliness and ignorance of the Scriptures. Every irregular, unfaithful, inconsistent or incompetent teacher should be promptly dismissed. Teachers should be reminded that it was "beaten oil" that was used in the service of the sanctuary. Therefore, for teaching a prayerful, diligent study of the Word is necessary, as well as the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Officers and teachers can easily give a wrong bias to young lives, therefore greatest care is needful. "For it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." Good teachers mean good classes and schools.

Only consistent, consecrated, Godly teachers can rightly influence and lead their scholars up to Christ, which should be their chief aim. Teachers with a passion for soul-saving should be chosen. Every lesson should be brought down to present time and be practically applied. In advanced classes a Bible should be in the hands of every scholar, and lesson helps be used only in the homes. Every school should have its own missionary worker, and teachers should visit scholars in their homes to secure parental co-operation. Questioning by the scholars should be encouraged, and efficient teachers will find the Savior in every lesson. Teachers should closely study the character and methods of the Great Teacher and learn how He exemplified all He taught. The school should be made a training school for Christian giving. And the church should support the school so that its contributions will all be for the great interests of the Master's cause. Teachers have but one short hour once in seven days for moulding youthful minds and impressing their hearts so that they will "take fast hold of instruction." In secular callings important work is done by experts. Since the time for imparting and instilling religious instruction is so brief, therefore skilled teachers, trained for this work, are needed. Every school should be training its future teachers, hence teachers' meetings and the normal class, led by the pastor if possible, should be provided. A supplementary course of Bible study is commended. The church standards and our distinctive principles should be taught in all our schools. The pastor if teaching an advanced Bible class, might by teaching each Sabbath the lesson for the following Sabbath, provide that when Sabbath teachers are needed there would be persons prepared for teaching the lesson studied the Sabbath before. Or, the lessons can profitably be made the subject for consideration at the previous weekly prayer meetings. Every school should be provided with a series of wall maps of Palestine, offered now at little cost, and be used intelligently by teachers. Wall charts containing the "Lord's prayer" and "Ten Commandments" and "Bible mottoes" should be provided for the primary department. Sessions should see that only suitable officers and teachers are in charge, and that proper religious text-books, literature and library books are in use in their schools. The Home Department, composed of persons unable to attend the school, yet willing to study the lesson at least one-half hour each week and make contributions to the school, should be utilized for house-to-house evangelism and to help pastors gain access to homes outside the church. The indifference of many adult members to the church school is a hindrance to its work. And too many parents neglect the giving of religious instructions to their children in their homes, and try to cast all this burden upon the school. But the Sabbath school abates not parental obligation, but rather increases parental responsibility and leaves parents without excuse for such breaking of vows and

neglect of their children. Teachers can not fulfill such parental vows, and the evil example of parents tends to nullify and counteract the religious influence of the school. All such delinquent parents should be visited by pastors and be reached by the Home Department. No person should feel too old to attend the school, from it there should be no graduation. Often children when too old to attend the common school count themselves too old to go to Sabbath school. And leaving it without church-going habits, they drift away from all Christian influences and are lost to the church. And usually they leave the school at just the age when most in need of religious instruction and moral restraint. Bring them back for a continuous post graduate course of Bible study. Our schools should be constantly establishing mission schools in outlying needy districts, which will help to keep up the school interest. It is defects in the schools that lead to barren spiritual results. A motto on the wall of "Ancient Delphos" was, "Know thy opportunity." Every Sabbath school is the place of golden opportunity for working for Christ. For teachers, through influencing and training of the young in spiritual things, are moulding lives for highest usefulness here and hereafter, and shaping the moral power and destiny of the nation. The distinguished John Bright once in an address in Edinboro declared, "I do not believe that all the statesmen in existence, including all their efforts, have tended so much to the greatness, true happiness, security and true glory of this country (Scotland) as have the efforts of your Sabbath school teachers."

Every school should be made an evangelistic agency; a recruiting station for Christ. It is said that in the South African diamond fields colored laborers find far more diamonds than the white laborers, because the former always work upon their knees to search out the gems. Bible teachers, you can find priceless spiritual gems if you will seek for them upon your knees and will be gathering jewels which will sparkle forever in the diadem of your Redeemer King. And wonderful was the foresight of Daniel, where he describes the glorious reward awaiting ever faithful Christian teachers (Dan. 12:3), then "They that be (teachers) or (they that cause to discern the truth) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn (or they that influence) many to righteousness (shall shine) as the stars forever and ever."

Your committee recommends:

1. The Home Department; the graded system; teachers' meetings and courses of supplemental Bible study for the better training of our teachers and greater efficiency and success of our schools.

2. That parents be reminded that in fulfillment of vows they must instruct their children in religious truths in their homes,

especially on the Lord's day, in the church standards and catechisms and by the committing of Scripture verses.

3. That our schools secure Bible maps and charts and that lesson helps be banished from class recitations.

4. That our sessions see that only suitable officers and teachers have charge of school work and exhort parents and adult members to attend the school and also see that scholars wait upon public worship.

5. That our schools keep on striving after still greater efficiency and engage still more actively in recruiting for their schools, and continue the planting of new mission schools in needy districts.

B. M. Sharp,
John C. French,
G. W. Benn,
Geo. W. Walker.

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Supplies.

Your Committee would respectfully report that twenty-three ministers and licentiates have asked for appointments. Of these all but six desire appointments for full time. The Presbyteries have asked for only a little more than the full time of eleven men. We have assigned Presbyteries more laborers than they have asked for, and have still not been able to make appointments for full time to any of the candidates. Preference has been shown as far as possible to the students who were licensed this spring.

We recommend the following distribution of laborers:

Acheson—Iowa, June, July, August; Kansas, September, October; Colorado, November; New York, February, March; Rochester, April; Pittsburg, May.

Allen, T. J.—Illinois, June; Lakes, July; Ohio, August, September, December, January; Pittsburg, October, November, February, March.

Allen, R. C.—Colorado, September, October; Kansas, November; Rochester, December, January; Pittsburg, February; Ohio, March, April.

Blair—Philadelphia, July; New York, September, October; Rochester, November; Iowa, December, January; Kansas, February; Colorado, March; Illinois, April; Lakes, May.

Coleman, E. M.—Kansas, June; Ohio, July; Pittsburg, Au-

gust; Rochester, September; New York, October, November, December; Iowa, March, April; Illinois, May.

Easson—Illinois, June, July; Iowa, August, September; Kansas, October, November; Colorado, December; Illinois, January; Lakes, February; Ohio, March.

Faris, 1.—Colorado for the year.

George, W. H.—New York, June, July; Philadelphia, August; Ohio, September, 1st and 2nd Sabbaths; Iowa, May.

Greer, G. N.—Iowa, June, July; Illinois, August; Lakes, September, 1st and 2d Sabbaths; New York, May.

Kempf—New York, June; Pittsburg, July; Rochester, August; Ohio, October; Lakes, November; Illinois, December; Iowa, January, February; Kansas, March; Colorado, April.

McBurney, W. J.—Ohio, July; Lakes, August; Illinois, September; Iowa, October, November, December; Kansas, January; Rochester, March; New York, April, May.

McCartney—New York, July; Ohio, April, May.

McCarroll—Ohio, August; Pittsburg, September; Rochester, October; New York, November, December, January; Ohio, February; Lakes, March; Iowa, April; Illinois, May.

McFarland, W.—Iowa, June, July; Kansas, August; Colorado, Spetember, October; Ohio, November; Pittsburg, December, January; New York, March, April.

McElhinney—Ohio, June; Rochester, July; New York, August, September, 1st and 2nd Sabbaths; Iowa, May.

Mitchell—Pittsburg, June, July, September, October, November, April, May; Colorado, August; New York, December, January.

Shaw—Colorado, June, July; Kansas, August; Iowa, September, October; Illinois, November; Lakes, December; Ohio, January; Rochester, February; New York, March.

Sherman—N. B. and N. S.: June, July, August, September, October; Rochester, November, December; New York, February; Philadelphia, April, May.

Wallace—Illinois, January, February; Iowa, March; Kansas, April, May.

Wilson, Walter W.—New York, June; Kansas, July; Iowa, August; Illinois, September, 1st and 2nd Sabbaths; Rochester, May.

Wylie, J. Ralston—Kansas, June; Iowa, September; Illinois, October; Iowa, November; Kansas, December; Colorado, January, February; Illinois, March; Lakes, April; Ohio, May.

Yates—Rochester, June; New York, July, August, September; Pittsburg, December; Lakes, January; Iowa, February, March; Colorado, April, May.

Rusk—New York for the year.

We recommend that pastors, in arranging for supplies when absent from their own pulpits, shall, as far as convenient, favor those who may have been assigned to their Presbyteries and whose time may not be fully occupied.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Thompson,
James McCune,
P. P. Boyd,
H. M. Johnston,
J. C. Dodds.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

God has dealt bountifully with man, and as He has been God-like in the gift of His Son, so may we see that His temporal gifts are worthy of Him. We need not speak of any one line of God's beneficence to man, for "Many, O Lord, my God, are thy wonderful works which Thou hast done and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order with Thee, if I would declare and speak of them they are more than can be numbered." Whilst God so bountifully deals with man, still he maintains His sovereignty over all. Most manifest is this in the allotment of time. One whole day in seven is reserved, and He plainly says: "It is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work," and makes the bestowal of His favor consequent on obedience to this command. In other temporal things as well we see He teaches that He is sovereign. When He led Israel into Canaan, the first city is devoted; the first fruits of their land, of their cattle, even the first-born among their tribes belonged to God, teaching them that man and all he possessed belonged to the Lord, and in this He gives us the same lesson.

On the part of the God-fearing, there was the response, Noah on coming out of the ark, though having few cattle, yet sacrificed to God—offered a part to the Jehovah, who had preserved him and what he had. Abraham is recorded as dedicating a tithe to Melchisedec, the priest of the most high God. Jacob, also recognizing God as the sole proprietor and giver, says: "Of all that Thou givest unto me I will surely give a tenth unto Thee." This principle is brought out plainly in The Levitical arrangement, a portion is set apart for Jehovah's service, and in organizing the church in the New Testament dispensation evidently the apostle makes no change in the existing claims of the God of all the

earth, but enjoins, "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered you," and Christ himself commends the law of tithing, "These ought ye to have done."

Every law of God to man is first for man's benefit, and then when the individual is benefited that he may become a blessing to others, "Ye are the salt of the earth; ye are the light of the world." The effect of keeping the Sabbath is soon seen. Let one disregard the law of the Sabbath and he soon loses his religious life and diffuses a pernicious rather than a beneficial influence upon others. And can one disregard God's claims of a right to a proportion of his income and be innocent? Is it a matter of choice with a man how he shall read the command, "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase." Has he a right to choose what he pleases of God's commands and reject or neglect others? Judah disregarded this law, and God says, "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me." And when the Lord Jesus says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," can the followers of Jesus waive this or satisfy themselves that this command is only for such as can go out as the missionary? It seems as if many do not realize the nature, obligations and benefits of this command. From the needy places of the earth the Macedonian cry still rings out, "Come over and help us!" and many well-equipped and consecrated young men and women are offering themselves as missionaries, but there is not sufficient money in the treasury. The work in foreign fields calls for development in many ways, but there is not money in the treasury to meet the demands; the work languishes, and the workers are hampered and distressed. The treasury is in debt, and why? Christians are not obeying the command of the Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." They do not consider the rewards in keeping the command. They miss the benefit and satisfaction of being co-laborers with the Lord. Christians as a rule do not comply with what is evidently God's regulation as to their tenure of property. They withhold the tithe, therefore there is not sufficient money in the treasury to send forth and support laborers. They keep back the Lord's part, and the work of evangelization cannot be carried into the benighted places of the earth. How is it that Christians can pray "Thy kingdom come," and yet keep for their individual use that which the Lord has reserved for the carrying on the work of the Kingdom?

Foreseeing that man becomes remiss in this Christian service, the Spirit's voice in warning is given, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty;" "Ye have sown much, and bring in little . . . . . and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put into a bag with holes;" "Will a man rob God, yet ye have robbed me . . . . . in tithes and offerings;" "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me."

Graciously also would he encourage: "The liberal soul shall be made fat; bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour ye out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."." "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." And if anything more was needed, we have the assurance that in giving we become laborers together with the Master, and that the Lord who sat over against the treasury and commended the gift of the poor widow, still weighs what is done for his cause, and will hold the steward to account with either "Thou knewest," or "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Let all those, then, who fear the Lord, realize that they are under as great obligations to give a proportion of their income—and the tenth is the minimum prescribed—as they are to pray, to observe the Lord's Supper, or keep the Sabbath. And let every one endeavor to know the state of his affairs, that he may be able to deal honestly with the Lord; and when a trade is made and no money passes over to him, let him keep account of the Lord's part and at the first opportunity make this good; and when money comes into his possesion from sources that are increase, let him first set aside what belongs to God, and the apostle recommends or commands passing this over to the treasury weekly.

Beneficence, giving or free will offerings come in after we have "rendered to God the things that are God's;" and whoever acts upon God's way cannot fail to find that he will be prospered in temporal and blessed in all spiritual things. He has God's word for it, "Prove me now." and we ought to be as willing to trust God as the widow of Zarephath was to trust her prophet.

Hoping to be able to report progress in this Christian duty in our own church, your committee asked of each congregation: "What proportion in your congregation observe the tithe system?" Out of sixty-six answers, twelve report from over fifty percent to almost all; seven, about one-half; two, forty per cent, and three, one-quarter.

To bring this matter to the personal attention of each individual in our congregations, your committee is of the opinion that a covenant should be presented to each individual, that he should be asked to give it due consideration and sign it. We are a people who have entered into covenant, and in this we should be as ready to enter into covenant as Jacob. It is simply saying that we will trust God and do what he enjoins upon us.

We recommend:

1. That no material reward be set before the people to induce them to give to the work of the church, as therein they have their reward, and miss the spiritual.

2. That fathers should not give for the household, but apportion to each member his share some time previous to and not during the collection, and that when children earn money they should be taught to give a tenth in order that they be trained in giving to the Lord's work.

3. That pastors and supplies be asked to present the subject of the tenth as the Lord's this coming fall, in their pulpit ministrations.

4. That the covenant which Jacob made and which was accepted by God be printed on a leaflet, with a blank for the name, and each member of our congregation asked to sign it.

TITHING COVENANT.

"If God will be with me, and will keep me, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, then shall the Lord be my God, and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."—Gen. 28:20-22.

Name.....

Date.....

THOS. MCFALL,
JAMES PATTON,
F. M. FOSTER,
DAVID LOVE,
D. G. MCKEE.

The Treasurer of the Literary Fund was instructed to have 3000 copies of this report printed for free distribution.

The Committee on Young People's Societies reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption and all the items were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and the Synod engaged in a season of prayer for the young people of the church. The report is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Young People's Societies.

Blanks of inquiry were sent out and on the replies contained in these your committee bases its report.

The work has been well sustained during the year. The regular C. E. topics are used by all our societies, with two or three exceptions. These are supplemented in many instances by special lines of study. The various mission fields of the world are studied as they occur in the regular quarterly topics. Many of our societies have made a special study of certain fields. In

this our own missions have not been forgotten. Seventeen societies are reported as making special contributions to our foreign work. In the majority of congregations the young people make their entire contributions through the ordinary channels of the church.

Systematic Bible study, other than that of the regular topics, is receiving some attention. Possibly the interest in this line of work is growing.

One-third of the societies are receiving some special instruction in the distinctive principles of the church. A like number are engaged in some distinctive line of reform work.

Many of our young people are to be commended for the way they are utilizing their opportunities for home mission work.

Pastors submitting reports are almost a unit on three important points:

1. As to the effect that the societies are having on the social life of the young people. They are the centers of their social life. The amusements are in harmony with the organization that conducts them. The true Christian youth, whatever the name of his society may be, is ashamed to be seen at the dance, the card party or the theater.

2. As to church activity. The effect of the young people's societies is decidedly helpful along this line. The training acquired in the society is of great advantage in the other departments of the church work. In addition to carrying on their own special line of work they are giving increased support to the general work of the congregation.

3 As to the effect on the spiritual life of the young people. The reports say, "helpful," "good," "very good." Could it be otherwise? A weekly meeting for prayer, conducted by those who are seeking spiritual help, assisted by carefully prepared helps, and enriched by the promised blessing of the Spirit. It must be helpful to the spiritual life of those who participate.

The reports from the various pastors plainly indicate that the interest in the work of the young people's societies and its efficiency are steadily increasing.

The inquiry concerning the special difficulties confronting the young people of the church to-day, and how best to meet these, called forth quite a variety of opinion. Questionable amusements, such as dancing, card playing and theater-going, unconsecrated companionships, the seductive influences of secret societies, the prevailing disregard for the Sabbath, the temptation of the saloon, the allurements of the world, a willingness to succeed at any cost, a tendency to accept the church relationship that will give the freest rein, inconsistencies on the part of older Christians, negligence in home training; these, together

with the world, the flesh and the devil, seem in the prevailing opinion to be the special difficulties confronting the youth of today. Rather numerous, you say, to be special. But it must be borne in mind that these answers come from country, town, city, North, South, East and West. They represent a variety of local conditions. The work in each community has its peculiar difficulties, just as each individual has his besetting sins. They are not exclusively those of the young people.

The all important question is, how may these be met? In a multitude of counselors there is wisdom. The concensus of the answers submitted indicate that the remedy for these difficulties is to be found in careful home training and example; in judicious oversight by sessions and a loving exercise of the corrective discipline of the church when necessary; the regulation of the social amusements, largely through the young people's societies; a more consistent example on the part of older people; careful instruction in all religious truth and special instruction in the great truths of our profession; earnest preaching of the full gospel of Jesus Christ, and prayer without ceasing that God will raise up for Himself a noble generation of sons and daughters. May we be given the grace to apply the remedy.

According to instructions your committee has prepared four special topics for the year 1904. They are as follows:

February 28—Our Mission in China. Ps. 67.

April 3—Is Instrumental Music to Be Employed in Worship? Luke 10:1-3, John 4:23-24.

July 3—Loyalty to Christ the King; What Does it Require? Matt. 28:18; Ps. 2, Phil 2:5-11.

October 9—An Open Life. "In secret have I said nothing." John 18:20.

December 25—Our Syrian Mission. Isa 9:2-7.

We recommend:

1. That a similar list of topics be prepared by the committee for the coming year.

2. That parents, elders and pastors be urged to greater faithfulness and earnestness in the instruction of the youth.

3. That the study of missions—with special attention to missions of our own church—be commended to the young people, and that we recommend the more careful study of the testimony of the church.

4. That we commend our young people for their fidelity to the church, for their earnestness in her work, and for the purity of life they have shown; and that we warn them against the evil tendencies with which they are surrounded, and commend them to the grace of God, which is able to preserve them in the midst of an evil world.

5. That with the adoption of this report the moderator designate some one to lead in prayer on behalf of the youth of the church.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. Crooks,
W. McLeod George,
S. G. Conner,
Sam'l McNaugher,
J. T. Sanderson.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. The report was received, amended and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Psalmody.

Praise is an essential element of divine worship. As such it is a duty men owe to God. The Word of God abounds in commands to praise. The subject-matter of praise must of necessity be provided beforehand. It cannot be extemporized. This provision God Himself, the Object of worship, has made in the Book of Psalms. He knows what He is willing to accept. No book of prayers or collection of sermons has He given for His worship, but a distinctly arranged Book of Psalms. This Book of Psalms of His own providing He has appointed to be sung in His worship. Witness its subject-matter—devotional lyrics; its title—"Book of Praises;" the office borne by its principal author—"The sweet singer of Isreal;" the explicit commands, both in the Old and New Testaments—"Sing unto the Lord in the words of David and Asaph the seer," and "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto the Lord;" and last, but by no means least, the example of Jesus Himself who, with His disciples, sung, "An Hymn," i. e., an O. T. Psalm. Lightfoot well says, "He who could have inspired every disciple to be a David, sings the Psalms of David."

This divinely provided and authorized song book of the ages, covers the entire realm of human experience. It voices the deepest needs of the souls of men everywhere, in all conditions and under all circumstances in life. There is no need of any other, even as there is no authority for any other. Fuller of Christ than any other section of the sacred Scriptures, displaying His glorious Person, His threefold offices, His tenderness and compassion, His humiliation, death, resurrection and exaltation, it is at once the grandest exhibition of the divine character, and the fullest expression of the needy and trustful soul. The most profound and vigorous piety known in all ages has been nurtured

by it. The songs of Zion were the songs of the Reformation periods. Those who have shed their blood as witnesses for Christ, have gone to their death, not singing human ditties, but staying their souls on their Savior-King by the iron tonic of the praises His Spirit has given to men.

If all this be true, and who can gainsay it, why is it that the Psalms have been so largely supplemented in divine worship to-day, by human compositions? No doubt the answer to this question is many-sided. The fault cannot be with the Object or subject-matter of praise. It must be with the people who essay to offer praise. Nor is it confined to those who reject the Book of Psalms as the sole vehicle of praise to God. True, all such must be blind to the spiritual worth of the Book, and deaf to the voice of its Author, else they would use it exclusively in His worship. But have we, who do thus use it, done, or are we doing all that we ought to do, all that we might do, to open the eyes and ears of such? Does the Psalm-singers' use of the Book sufficiently commend it to such? What of the many versions in use among the churches, the more than one metre frequently to a psalm, the complex character ofttimes of the music, and the almost universal lack of special training of the members of the congregation that will enable them to sing with a loud noise skillfully? Many a poor hymn has been popularized by the melody, and many an imperfect tune immortalized by the words. Simplify the music, give it a steady, rhythmic flow, push to rapid completion the project for a uniform version of psalms, have a variety of metres, yet but one as a rule for each psalm, adapt the tune to the subject-matter of the psalm, continually associating it with the words, and provide the funds necessary to train the body of the people for congregational singing. This, coupled with the faithful exposition and application of the psalms, on the part of the ministry, to present-day needs, the old time memorizing, singing and repeating of the same, by the youth, in the home and social assemblies, and the scrupulous guarding by all against all compromise in our maintenance of them as the sole vehicle of praise, cannot but increasingly endear them to our own hearts, commend them more and more to those who know not their beauty and power, and help stay the present-day tendencies of certain branches of the church that have hitherto stood for the sole and exclusive use in divine worship of the one and only God-given manual of praise.

We recommend:—

1. That special effort be made by all pastors, teachers and parents, to instruct those under their care as to the nature and importance of praise in the worship of God, and as to the divine provision and appointment for the same.

2. That families be exhorted not to omit the singing of praise in their morning and evening devotions, that all our people

be encouraged to prepare themselves for, and to participate in the service of praise in the sanctuary, and that to this end parents, the officers of congregations, and even presbyteries, consider the propriety of securing the services of those well qualified to train the members to sing God's songs with grave, sweet melody.

3. That in their association with those using uninspired songs, all our people be urged to bear an unobtrusive, yet faithful and practical testimony in favor of the exclusive use of inspired psalmody in divine worship.

4. That our ministers be urged to present to their congregations the doctrinal position of our Church concerning the corruption of worship in the employment of instruments of music in the worship of God.

J. S. Martin,
T. J. Allen,
S. R. Wallace,
B. W. McMahan.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Sustentation and Church Erection

Your Committee would report that the usual papers were placed in our hands and examined. The report on Church Erection shows a good and substantial balance. This is due to the fact that no draughts were made upon the fund during the year; and no doubt what is now in hand together with that anticipated for the coming year will all be needed in the near future.

We heartily second the recommendation made that "non-interest bearing mortgages" be secured by Synod's Trustees on the several properties indicated in the report. We recommend that the church liberally support the work of this Board.

The Sustentation Report shows that the usual number of congregations received help during the year; and likewise, as in former years, the funds at the disposal of the Board were not equal to the demand.

Your Committee is glad to note the earnest endeavor on the part of Synod to devise some plan by which the manifest injustice to those who depend upon this fund for help will be done away, and every pastor receive, at least, the minimum salary *in full*. But in as much as such a plan is not at present in operation, we urge that an earnest effort be made throughout the whole church to raise the amount asked for this fund

R. C. Montgomery,
J. W. Dill,
Isaiah Faris,
A. A. Dickey,
E. I. Dewey.

Report of the Board of Church Erection.

Board of Church Erection would respectfully report: That the usual routine business of the Board has received attention. The call for aid, for the fiscal year, has been less than heretofore; no congregation having sought the assistance of the Board; but several are taking preliminary steps to do so. Possibly the spirit of self-dependence is growing. Several congregations have remodeled old buildings; or erected new churches, and almost, if not altogether, by their own resources.

WINCHESTER.

Notable among these is Winchester, with its earnest and faithful pastor, Dr. D. H. Coulter. His long years of service have, as it were, been crowned with a beautiful church, free of debt. The building includes an auditorium, seating 300; ladies' room, parlor, vestibule and large basement. Its exterior measures 60x66. The aproximate cost was $8,500, and the money was practically all raised within the congregation. The Winchester congregation and their pastor rejoice in a beautiful house of God.

OLATHE.

Not far removed is the stirring congregation of Olathe. This people, with their energetic pastor, Rev. George A. Edgar, remodeled the church and refurnished it, at a cost of about $6,000. Exact dimensions are not at hand; but its seating capacity is 400. The congregation and pastor are jointly pleased with their practically new house of worship, the expense of which was borne almost altogether by themselves.

DENVER.

This congregation has, through all its existence, struggled with debt. During the past year, friends came to their help, and the debt was wiped out. Thus the Denver congregation has a commodious building, free from incumbrance. With this burden lifted, it is hoped that a new era of prosperity is in store for this congregation. The pastor, the Rev. T. H. Acheson, has reason to thank God and take courage.

EAST END.

This congregation, battling for its very life for many years, at last providentially secured as pastor the Rev. Dr. Martin. From the date of his installation, the great debt began to receive business-like attention. Blocks of the mortgage were every now and then cut away. The congregation did what they could. Dr. Martin and wife pitched their tent by that mortgage, and by personal gifts and efforts, with dependence upon God, finally cancelled the mortgage, which was burned March 31, 1904, amid scenes of rejoicing, and gratulation by ministerial brethren and

friends. During Dr. Martin's pastorate, the debt of $16,000 was lifted.

The Board of Church Erection made appropriations in some part, but these were small as compared with the amount of money that was given. The Covenanter Church has reason for thanksgiving that this beautiful house of worship has, though at such cost, been preserved to the denomination.

BALTIMORE.

As your Board reported to last Synod, the Baltimore congregation sold its property, and recommended certain distribution of funds. The property brought $5,500. The appropriation made by your Board in 1868, was, through Synod's Treasurer, returned to treasury of Board of Church Erection, and the money can go out again in church erection work elsewhere.

When the congregation disbanded, they made request that balance of money from sale of property, after cancelling debt, should be distributed to various congregations—to aid in erecting buildings, extinguishing debts, or to aid church work. Thus, to Denver, $325.00; to Topeka, $325.00; to Chicago, $325.00; to Topeka congregation for parsonage, $1,000. It is the judgment of your Board that said money should be secured to Reformed Presbyterian Church by the usual non-interest-bearing mortgages, required in all cases by Board of Church Erection, as the money is practically a contribution to church erection. The $1,000 given to Topeka congregation for parsonage, has already been secured to Synod's Board by non-interest-bearing mortgage. Your Board would recommend that Denver congregation, Topeka congregation, Chicago congregation, be instructed to give such mortgage without unnecessary delay.

St. Louis congregation was granted an extension of time to give a non-interest-bearing mortgage, as steps are being taken to help the congregation to materially lower their debt.

Chicago congregation is just beginning the erection of a church. Their lots cost $3,600, and are paid for, and they have available about $12,000, gathered almost wholly by canvass.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following balances, collections, etc., are shown by Treasurer Walter T. Miller's report:

Balance from last Synod	$2,051.55
From congregations	589.55
Sabbath schools	12.72
Individuals and bequests	64.00
Baltimore congregation, returning appropriation of Jan. 26, 1868	700.00
Dividend from D. Gregg Endowment Fund	537.95
Total in treasury at date	$3,955.77

The Board would ask that the usual appropriation be made for the prosecution of this important work.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

By order of Board.

ROBERT MCAFFE, President.
F. M. FOSTER, Secretary.

Sustentation.

SPARTA, ILL., May 25th, 1904.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that aid from the Sustentation fund has been applied for from the following congregations, viz.:—Almonte, Barnet, Bear Run and Mahoning, Coldenham, Jonathan's Creek, Kansas City, Lake Reno, Rehoboth, Ia., Slippery Rock, St. Louis, Superior, Syracuse, Vernon, West Hebron, N. Y., and White Lake.

The new applicants are Bear Run and Mahoning, Coldenham, and Lake Reno.

The amount asked for is five thousand two hundred thirty-six ($5,236) dollars.

The amount in the treasury for distribution is four thousand one hundred eight and sixty-four one-hundredths ($4,108.64) dollars.

The amount asked for this year is six hundred fifty-three and thirty-three one-hundredths ($653.33) dollars more than that asked for last year, and there are twenty-three and twenty-six one-hundredths ($23.26) dollars less in the treasury this year than last year.

Of the amount on hand for distribution this year, seven and fifty one-hundredths **($7.50) dollars** was the balance from the year 1903. Prov. 3:9 gave fifteen hundred ($1,500) dollars, the D. Gregg Endowment was five hundred thirty-seven and ninety-one one-hundredths ($537.91) dollars, and the congregations contributed two thousand sixty-three and nineteen one-hundredths ($2,063.19) dollars.

In 1902 we paid 94% of the deficit; in 1903, 90%; and this year we can only pay 78%. WE *aren't standing still,* we *are moving,* but we can hardly claim that we are going in the right direction.

In the following table we show the deficit in each congregation, the amount supplemented by the Board, etc.:

Congregations.	Number Members	Amount Salary by Cong.	Amount paid per Member	Deficit	Supplement by Board
Almonte..	59	$500.00	$8.47	$ 450.00	$ 351.00
Barnet	59	450.00	7.63	a232.00	180.96
Bear Run and Mahoning.. ..	50	208.33	10.00	b30.00	23.40
Coldenham.. ..	60	400.00	6.67	300.00	234.00
Jonathan's Creek	40	500.00	12.50	300.00	234..00
Kansas City ..	53	650.00	12.26	550.00	429.00
Lake Reno	84	700.00	8.33	100.00	78.00
Rehoboth, Ia.. ..	42	530.00	12.62	270.00	210.60
Slippery Rock ..	56	500.00	8.93	250.00	195.00
St. Louis	48	600.00	12.50	700.00	546.00
Superior..	45	450.00	10.00	350.00	273.00
Syracuse..	69	546.00	7.91	654.00	510.12
Vernon	46	500.00	10.87	300.00	234.00
White Lake.. ..	53	500.00	9.43	300.00	234.00
West Hebron, N.Y	30	350.00	11.67	450.00	351.00
				$5,236.00	$4,084.00

a. Ryegate paid $118.00.

b. Pastor ordained and installed Jan. 12th, 1904.

We ask for an appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Sproull, Chairman.
A. C. Coulter, Rec. Sec.
W. J. Coleman, Cor. Sec.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. Representatives of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College were heard urging the claims of that instution. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education.

It is with peculiar satisfaction that we gather from the reports put into our hands the exxcellent condition of our Theological and Educational Institutions.

Under the careful and intelligent instructions of Drs. Willson and George the students who have completed their theological course are entering upon public life well trained for the work of the gospel ministry. Young men who intend to serve Christ in the Covenanted Church should not allow themselves to be influenced by any fancied advantage to turn away from our own Seminary for schools under the direction of other denominations, when professors of proved efficiency are able, through carefully written lectures and wisely chosen text-books, to prepare them for their

life work. The fact that there was only one student of the first year challenges attention. If the ranks of our ministers in the home and foreign field are to be filled, the sons of the church must close their eyes to worldly attractions and consecrate themselves to the service of God in the noblest profession that men can choose. There is no higher honor than to be a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

The College at Beaver Falls is also in a very prosperous condition as regards the attendance, the spirit of the students, and the religious life that surrounds them. Obviously the aim of the esteemed President, Dr. Johnston, so devoted to the duties implied in his responsible position, is to have the secular education permeated by religious influences and to hold the young men and women entrusted to his care under the power of living Christianity. For this reason among others parents in selecting a school for their children at the most critical period in their life history, should give the preference to Geneva over other institutions. There, however it may be in other places, personal contact with the master tells only for the uplifting of the pupil.

It is a matter of regret that lack of funds has delayed necessary repairs on the building, and we hope the Finance Committee will be able to suggest some way of securing funds for this purpose, as well as for the more complete endowment of the College. The Church should feel a pride in having a comfortable shelter for its students, and attractive local surroundings. The outward scene has much to do with the inward training.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. We recommend parents to dedicate their sons and daughters to the special service of God, and to pray that from infancy they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and so be ready to serve when the Lord calls.

2. We recommend parents to place their children only in schools where they shall breathe an atmosphere of vital piety and be under the instruction of teachers that are in sympathy with a full testimony for the crown of Christ.

3. We recommend that as the term for which Walter T. Miller was chosen to serve as Synodical member of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College has expired, he be re-elected to that position; and that Dr. D. McAllister and Walter T. Miller be chosen as their own successors on the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

R. M. Sommerville,
J. A. Black,
F. M. Wilson,
J. S. Dodds,
J. S. Tibby.

Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the Seminary building Tuesday, April 26th, 1904, 9 A. M., and continued in session until the next afternoon.

Ten students were in attendance, viz.:

Third Year—Robert Andrew Blair, Delber Harvey Elliott, Harvey Galbraith Patterson, George Renwick Steele and John Yates.

Second Year—William Henry George, George Nesbit Greer, James Guthrie McElhinney and William Walter Wilson.

First Year—William McCullough.

The attendance was good. There was but little sickness. An agreement was made by the professors with Professor Sleeth, formerly Professor of Elocution in the Pittsburgh High School, to give lessons in that department to the students. He commenced his instruction in the beginning of the year and continued to the close of the session.

Diplomas were given to the students of the third year and certificates to their respective Presbyteries to the students of the second year.

The reports of the professors were published in connection with an account of the closing exercises of the Seminary.

The time of Dr. McAllister and Mr. Walter T. Miller has expired. Their successors should be elected.

We ask for an appropriation for this fund of $1,500.00.

T. P. Stevenson, *Chairman.*
J. W. Sproull, *Secretary.*

Report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College respectfully reports:

The annual report of our Board of Trustees has been received and approved by us, and will be presented to Synod by its Secretary, the Rev. J. R. Wylie.

After congratulating Synod and the whole Church on the efficiency and prosperity of the College, as shown by this report, the Board of Corporators asks your special attention to the financial interests of the institution. While the work for the increase of the endowment has been prosecuted with some measure of success, it is evident that much larger gifts by men of means are necessary to complete the undertaking. In former years subscriptions were made to this fund of $5,000, $10,000, $15,000 and $25,000. There are not many with us now who can make such princely gifts, but

we think there are some; and without their aid the undertaking cannot succeed. To such men and women we now appeal in behalf of this important institution of our beloved Church.

The second matter requiring attention is the condition of the Ladies' Dormitory. The demand for immediate outlay here seems to be imperative. The Board of Corporators transmits to you the request of its Board of Trustees that Synod will direct the Board having charge of the invested funds of the College that in case no other way of securing the necessary funds can be found, a loan be made to the College Board of an amount not to exceed $1,600 for the purpose of making these necessary repairs at once, the interest on the same to be paid out of the current funds of the College until money can be secured to pay the principal.

The attention of Synod is called to the fact that less than one-fourth of the appropriation made last year was received. The failure of the Church to meet its obligations reduces the institution to the extremity of borrowing money to make repairs which are absolutely necessary for the health and life of the young people under its care.

All these matters will be fully brought before Synod by the report of the Board of Trustees and by those appointed to represent the interests of the College on the floor of Synod, viz., namely: Revs. R. C. Wylie and W. J. Coleman and President Johnston.

The term for which Walter T. Miller was chosen as Synodical member of the Board of Corporators has expired, and his successor should be elected.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. Stevenson, President,
R. J. George, Secretary.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

Gentlemen—The Board of Trustees of Geneva College submit our annual report:

FACULTY.

The vacancies in our force of instructors were filled by first, assigning Latin to Professor R. J. McIsaac, who was known to be well qualified for this department. Second, Professor Otto F. Bert was chosen for the chair of mathematics. Mr. Bert is a graduate of Geneva. He also pursued his studies in the Harvard summer school, had taught very successfully in the Preparatory Department of Washington and Jefferson College, and was known as a devoted worker in his profession. Professor Samuel Sterritt Smith was called to the chair of natural science. Professor Smith

is a son of the late Rev. J. C. Smith of honored memory, a graduate of the Indiana State University. He had pursued special study in his line of work, had served as assistant in his *alma mater* and was highly recommended by his instructors and others.

Mr. Archibald W. Leech was placed in charge of the Academic Department. He graduated at Geneva in the class of 1903. He had taught successfully in the public schools and his work in the Geneva summer school was highly appreciated.

Miss Emma McFarland, whose services were very satisfactory the past year, was employed to hear some classes.

The expectations of the Board have been fully realized in all these persons, and the work of the entire Faculty has been of a high order. The Board believes that during no year in the history of the College has satisfaction been more general or the services of the Professors better received than they were the past year.

Professors Smith, Bert and Leech have been elected to serve the College next year.

Professor William Milroy finds his health so far restored that he purposes returning to his work next year. The Faculty will readjust the work of the several Professors rendered necessary by his return.

Athletics have been placed under Professor Leech.

President Johnston has been allowed to give his entire time to executive work. He labors in the interests of the endowment of the College, and is meeting with merited success. Also, he seeks acquaintance with the families of the Church and others, and secures students for the College. When he is absent from the College Professor George Kennedy, D. D., the Vice President, is in charge. Mr. Kennedy has been with the institution for many years, and has won the esteem and respect of the students. The present arrangement will continue for next year.

STUDENTS.

The total number of Academic and Collegiate students during the year was 174. In all departments there were 288 enrolled. There are 27 students in the graduating class. Eleven receive the degree of B. A., 8 receive that of B. S., 6 that of M. S. and 2 that of B. O. The work of the students fairly equaled that of former years.

RELIGION.

President Johnston has more time and opportunities for personal contact with the students than formerly, and may in this way give inspiration and bent to young lives. His powers in this direction are too well known to need mention. As formerly, the ministerial members of the Faculty preach in turn on the Lord's Day. Students on College Hill are expected to attend services. The weekly prayer meeting of the students is well attended, and

the services are spirited. The Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations have been well attended, and the services very profitable. In the former Professor George Kennedy has given efficient help in Bible study, and Mrs. J. L. McCartney and Mrs. H. H. George are kindly and thankfully remembered for their help in the latter.

A class for the study of missions, under the able leadership of Professor Otto F. Bert, held profitable meetings Tuesday evenings during the school year. Money has been raised to send a student to the Bible Conference at Northfield during the summer. Fifty dollars has been contributed by the students for Foreign Missions. Students on the "Hill" attend the Sabbath Schools in the churches. Professors Coleman, McIsaac and Smith are efficient teachers in these schools.

In addition to the able work in the line of reform in the department of Professor Coleman, President Johnston arranged, through Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D., a conference on the Principles of Christian Civil Government. The members of the Faculty took an active part and a number of speakers from Pittsburg and other places rendered aid. This meeting could not be otherwise than very helpful to the students and to the cause of the kingdom of our Savior.

There is always difficulty in controlling the conduct of young people in the home, the church or the schools, so that everything will be above criticism, but the prevailing spirit among the students has been very satisfactory.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library was under the general supervision of Professor Kennedy, who was assisted by Miss Emma McFarland and Miss Evangeline Metheny. It has been better patronized than heretofore, owing in part to the growing literary spirit among the students; in part to the work required by the Professors in their several departments and to the better accommodations by the room being open during recitation hours. About the usual amount of money has been spent in procuring current literature and bound volumes. Members of the Faculty have donated volumes, and the class of '89 presented a handsome copy of Thackeray's works in ten volumes. The surplus in the literary fund is exhausted, and Board asks its full share of a liberal collection for this fund.

FINANCES.

It was thought advisable to purchase a tract of land containing more than two acres that separated land belonging to the College from certain streets. This was necessary in order that we might enjoy the best access to our present holdings, and in order that we might control the use of this land. It is confidently believed that in a few years, if deemed advisable, it can be plotted

into building lots and part of it sold to good advantage. Arrangements are not yet complete for its payment.

The running expense of the College has been fully met, and the overdraft upon the Treasury reduced about $200. There are repairs and improvements, however, that our current funds will not meet. The dormitory must have new heating apparatus or fall into disuse. Other improvements are earnestly desired. Sixteen hundred dollars have been named as necessary to secure and erect a heating plant. Efforts will be made to raise, by contributions from individuals, this amount. A motion was made in our Board authorizing the Executive Committee to proceed in securing proper heating facilities, the cost not to exceed $1,600. This motion we ask you to transmit to Synod, so that in case we do not succeed in raising the money by solicitation, the Synod may authorize her Board of Trustees to gant us a temporary loan to meet the required expense. Rev. Messrs. R. C. Wylie, W. J. Coleman and W. P. Johnston are appointed to enforce this request on the floor of Synod.

If Synod shall have any funds for distribution, we plead to be remembered. We ask that Synod name $2,500 as the amount for the annual collection, and we appeal to the Church to raise the full amount.

In enforcing our requests, we mention that in the future, as in the past, our congregations will seek pastors. Our Mission Boards will seek laborers from the College. There will be an increasing number of professional and laymen who will seek their education here. Our College stands for religion. She stands for all important truth. Let us have the means to make her facilities for education the very best.

May we have the continued sympathy, confidence and co-operation of the entire Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Kilpatrick, Chairman.
J. R. Wylie, Secretary.

The Committee on Discipline reported. The report was accepted, amended and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Discipline.

Your Committee on Discipline would respectfully report:

Two papers, Nos. 22 and 23, have been placed in our hands. Paper No. 23 was returned by the instructions of Synod, upon request, to Kansas Presbytery, from which it came.

Paper No. 22, entitled "Paper from Illinois Presbytery inquiring as to its authority in a certain case."

Three questions are asked relative to the authority of Presby-

tery—" (1) To determine the location of the proposed church building; (2) To direct the congregation to postpone the building of the church; (3) To direct the congregation to take another vote as to the location."

These queries, tho' arising in connection with a concrete case, do not bring the specific case under our review, but involve only a question of Church Law.

We recommend that the following answer be returned: "The Presbytery has the right to exercise control over the location of church buildings within its bounds, both in the sense of new organizations expecting to build and of old congregations proposing a change of location."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. EDGAR,
C. MCLEOD SMITH,
I. A. BLACKWOOD,
T. C. SPEER,
W. G. MARTIN.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Evangelistic Work.

Your committee on evangelistic work would respectfully report that so far as possible for us to ascertain, the duty and necessity to seek the salvation of the lost is well enough understood by the Church in general, but the need of the hour is active service. In the evangelical churches of to-day there is but little increase and mostly decrease in church membership, but worse than this a lethargy in the interests of men's souls that calls for a prayerful consideration. The difficulties that face the church of to-day are numerous, but may be divided into two distinct classes, viz: those that are outside the church and those within the church. Of the former may be mentioned the natural enmity, indifference and blindness of the human heart, the anti-Christian delusions of the hour, the secret lodge, strong drink, Sabbath desecration and prejudice. But the church of Christ has always met with difficulties, and through the centuries has been victorious. The church in the world, but not of the world, is invincible. If she is not successful it is not outside the church, but within the church, that the cause of defeat must lie. Among some of the difficulties within the church we would mention:

First—The lack of zeal for souls. As a church we have a zeal for National Reform work and Testimony Bearing, which places us in the forefront of these movements; a zeal for Foreign Missions that places us second in per capita contributions. The same kind of effort that has inculcated and aroused this zeal in

these departments of the church's work would make us as zealous for seeking the souls of the men we meet in life. Too many of us, like the blind man receiving his sight, only see men as trees walking. We all need to learn the value of a soul, we all need to learn to love souls, we all need to learn Christ's desire for souls, we all need to learn to love Christ sufficiently to consecrate our lives to the work of gathering jewels for the Master's crown.

Second—Lack of training for soul winning. As a church we have sought to learn how to propagate our distinctive principles and give a reason to him that asketh for the faith that is in us, but the same kind of earnest effort in training would make us all a band of efficient gospel workers. The young people's societies and Sabbath Schools now furnish excellent opportunity for this training.

Third—A lack of decidedly evangelistic preaching. Our history as a persecuted church has made our preaching combative, our high standard of Christian scholarship has made it instructive, but human need and an earnest yearning for souls will make it decidedly evangelistic. Not all evangelical preaching is evangelistic preaching. Paul said, "*preach* the Word," but he also said, "do the *work* of an evangelist." Preaching the Word may denounce sin, build up in the most holy faith, and maintain divine truth against all error, but evangelistic work is winning souls. Christ preached the Word and denounced sin, but He was the friend of publicans and sinners. Christ maintained divine truth against Samaritan error, but He drank water from a Samaritan cup, ate bread at a Samaritan table, abode two days at a Samaritan home and won the hearts and souls of many Samaritan households. The preacher in the pulpit or the layman in the pew who by earnest effort, work, sacrifice and association with the men and women and children of his congregation and neighborhood wins their sympathy and friendship, and then presents Christ's claims from a compassionate heart, is bound to meet with responsive hearts in his hearers. We may preach the Word on the Sabbath, but the work of an evangelist requires seven days in the week and three hundred and sixty-five days in the year.

Fourth—The lack of personal work. It is the duty of the pastor, the session and the individual members of the congregation to reach the unsaved by personal work, man with man. There is not one in this Synod who does not believe this truth, yet how much of it is actually being done by us? This is God's plan for the propagation of the kingdom. The whole lump is leavened by each particle of leaven in contact with the meal around it. As a church we feel intensely our duty to seek souls in the distant lands of China, Syria and Cyprus, and in home lands we are earnestly working for the Indian, the Freedman, the Chinaman and the Jew. These missions receive the earnest support of the church,

and this is as it should be; but we need to be aroused to the fact that Foreign Missions begin at our own doorstep, that privilege, opportunity and duty are at hand within the bounds of every Covenanter congregation; that Christ lays upon every Covenanter the duty of presenting Christ to everyone with whom we live and work and walk and have our conversation.

Fifth—Lack of organized effort. During the year a number of our pastors have held special evangelistic meetings with good results, not only in arousing the community to the need of a Savior, but their own congregations were awakened to their obligations as their brother's keeper. Some pastors have regular places of preaching at school houses in the rural districts, some have engaged in open-air meetings, assisted by their young people. Several congregations support city missionaries. Not a few of our congregations have mission Sabbath schools at a distance from the church. One congregation reports four, several two, and a number report one, while in many congregations there is an effort made to bring in mission children into the congregational Sabbath school. Through the Home Department many families are being reached which do not attend any services. Our young people's societies, as never before, are studying the call of God to home missionary effort. A number of societies are accomplishing good results by distributing literature and inviting people to church. While all this is true, yet the per cent of congregations engaged in definite evangelistic work is small.

Sixth—Lack of united effort. Few pastors have the co-operation of the membership in evangelistic work. Many think that this work belongs to the pastor alone. Many congregations demand so much from the pastor in caring for the saved that he has neither time nor energy to visit in the homes or work with the unsaved. It is deplorable, but true, that there are congregations in the Covenanter Church where the mission scholar is not sought, and his parents not given the welcome to church service they should receive. "All at it and always at it" is the only hope of successful evangelical work in a congregation.

Seventh—Lack of faith in God. Throughout our history as a church we have sought to maintain purity of doctrine, discipline and worship because we sincerely believe that God will bless His own means of grace; and yet we hear some complain that the corruption of these in other churches is a hindrance to evangelistic work in our own. Was there ever a greater paradox? We believe God and we do not believe Him. If we have faith in God we will expect Him to bless the efforts of a church that holds to the means of grace in their purity.

As a Church we seek to be faithful in the proclamation of Christ in His fulness as a Prophet, Priest and King. If we had any faith in God we would never consider these doctrines as hin-

drances to evangelistic work, but would expect God to bless the work of those who honor the Son.

As a church we seek to maintain a high standard of Christian life and loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, because we believe that the church in the world, but not of the world, is invincible, that God always backs consistency with omnipotence. And yet we sometimes consider the Covenanter standard an obstacle to bringing souls to Christ. "Where is your faith?"

Your committee have no resolutions to offer. There have been enough resolutions voted by this Synod, which, if only carried out, would have, under God, started a revival that would have swept the continent. Let us go home and pray God to forgive our indifference, bestow upon us the gifts and graces for service, and go to work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. McGaw,
J. C. Slater,
R. Hargrave.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report: That no letters were received from the Synod of Scotland or the Synod of Ireland. Your committee, however, has prepared letters to these Synods, and which are herewith presented.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Foster,
W. W. Carithers,
J. R. Wylie,
D. C. Pattison.

Letter to the Synod in Scotland.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland,

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, America, extends greetings and salutations in the Lord. Meeting this year in Southern Illinois, in the beautiful little city of Sparta, and in the church of that old congregation of which Rev. D. S. Faris has been pastor for forty-seven years, we are surrounded by specially comforting and helpful conditions.

During the past year God has caused us to sing of mercy and

judgment. He has called to their rest two fathers in the ministry, Rev. Dr. N. R. Johnston and Rev. G. P. Raitt, both old and full of days. Also, Dr. T. P. Robb, in the full strength of his manhood, beloved of his congregation, loved exceeding much by the Church at large, faithful in the service of his Master, and a faithful Covenanter. These brethren passed on to their rest, but the sweet influence of their godly lives, the hearts guided and strengthened by their words, through his grace, remain.

Also, during the past year, several of our ministers have suffered, and some are still suffering, from prolonged and serious affliction. Among these are the Revs. W. McCleod George, A. A. Samson, J. R. W. Stevenson and H. B. McMillan, who have not sufficiently recovered to take up their work. In these trials and afflictions we recognize the chastening hand of God. The Head of the Church has shown His gracious face in replenishing the ranks of the ministry by five graduates from the Theological Seminary. The number of students is not quite so large as in some years past, but their work is of a high order of excellence. Professors Willson and George, gifted for work in their respective chairs, are not only thorough in their scholastic duties, but by their piety, heart-religion, nearness to Christ, spiritual communion, seek to have the theological students not only thoroughly equipped with minds trained and stored, but to have hearts filled with His grace, glowing with His love, and pleading with God for the conversion, the building up of souls and the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Our spiritual condition as a Church fills us with lamentations and distress, not because there has been special spiritual decline, but because there has not been marked spiritual advance. The Lord is willing, waiting, but we are so worldly, have such superficial views of truth, are so influenced by worldliness and Satanic attacks! We sincerely pray that the Master will not withhold His grace because of our unfitness for and lack of warm interest in His service. We need a renewed baptism of that spirit which will cause us to "know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

The more general work of the Church has had evidence of the blessing of the Head of the Church. Testimony Bearing has been prosecuted, and with opportunity to present the whole doctrine of Christ's kingly authority over the nation, and of the sin of swearing allegiance to a Constitution which rejects the Lord's Anointed. In National Reform the work has sought to quicken the public conscience in the general doctrines of National Reformation, which are practically accepted by all the Churches, though applied, and but to a limited extent, by few. Now and then, on some lines, progress seems to be made, while on other lines disregard of God and aggressive opposition to His law seem more apparent. We plead with God to raise up some man or men, clothed with the

spirit and power of Elijah, to cry to this nation, "How long halt ye between two opinions; if the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him."

Our mission work at home and abroad, has gone forward with marks of God's goodness and mercy. Sorrow has saddened hearts in both China and Syria. The wife of the beloved senior missionary, Mrs. Ella Torrence Robb, passed on to her rest in November last, and Miss Willia A. Dodds, of the Hospital Work, Syria, has suffered a paralytic stroke, from which she has but partially recovered. By His chastening hand, God is calling us to more active work, more liberal contributions, to send a large staff of workers for the world's evangelization.

Among sister churches there is a tendency toward church union. The basis sought is not the broader, but the narrower, curriculum of doctrine, and a more worldly life. We feel the influence of these tendencies and pray that the Head of the Church will give us grace to maintain consistently, firmly, prayerfully, with full dependence upon His grace, the great doctrines of the Second Reformation, and to faithfully hold forth the Confession of Faith as it "was received by the Church of Scotland," the Catechism, Larger and Shorter, and the Testimony in all conscientious fidelity.

United in the bonds, not only of Christian brotherhood, but also of Covenanted faith, and a common heritage in the memory of Scotland's martyrs, we feel the helpful influences of your Christian sympathy and brotherly affection in the Lord.

The Synod conveys to you, dear brethren, sincere regard and love, wishing you all blessings from a Covenant God. Grace, mercy and peace be with you.

.....Moderator.

....Clerk.

Letter to the Synod in Ireland.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Our present meeting place is near the center of our church, and on the site of one of the first settlements made almost a century ago in what was then the extreme frontier of civilization.

Four of our congregations in this vicinity have been sending sons and daughters farther west for years, and now at the close of the century, since the land west of us became a part of our country we find that a large part of our membership comes out of this new country, where there are three Presbyteries and many prosperous congregations.

The present meeting is one of the largest in our history. Rev. T. C. Sproull is our Moderator, and Rev. W. J. Coleman, D. D., is Clerk.

God has been speaking to us in His providences in the sudden call to Rev. T. P. Robb, D. D., on February 17th. This brother was with you in 1896, and since his return he was chosen as our Moderator, and his influence both in his congregation and vicinity, as well as in Church courts, was wide and healthful.

And our aged Father, Dr. N. R. Johnston, was called away on March 21st, 1904.

Rev. G. P. Raitt entered into rest on March 14th, 1904.

Two of our young men, Rev. H. B. McMillan and Rev. W. M. George, are now on the Pacific coast seeking for health that they may continue in the Lord's work.

We have with us at this Synod Rev. A. I. Robb, who lately returned from China with his motherless children, Mrs. Robb having been called away in November, 1903, and word comes to us of the serious sickness of Miss Willia A. Dodds, of Latakio. These calls have been mingled with many blessings. Our mission force has been increased during the year. Four of our Presbyteries have pastors in practically every congregation, and three of our Presbyteries have pastors in every congregation except one each.

The Seminary is furnishing numbers of strong young men to take the place of the fathers who are called aside. We are glad to be of use to you in furnishing one of our young men to your work in Geelong, Australia. We are assured that you are well informed as to current events through the Church papers.

Wishing you all blessings in the Lord's work, we remain your brethren.

.....Moderator.

.... Clerk.

It was resolved that the Moderator appoint a standing Committee to write letters to the Scotch and Irish Synods in time for their annual meetings. The Committee appointed consisted of D. B. Willson, J. M. Foster. A. Kilpatrick. R. J. Cullings and J. S. Tibby.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was accepted and taken up item by item for adoption. One item was amended and all were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed in their hands:

1. The report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

2. The report of John T. Morton, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. and of the Central Board of Missions, of the Theological Seminary and Geneva College, of the fund for Testimony

Bearing, the Library fund, the Aged Ministers' fund, and the fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers.

3. The report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of the Syrian Mission, and the Mission in China, and the various subordinate funds pertaining to these missions, and of the Church Erection fund.

4. The resignation of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of these funds.

5. The report of R. C. Wylie, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

6. The reports of the Board of Corporators and of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

7. Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, with report of the finances of the same.

8. Report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of the Literary fund.

9. Report of the Mission Conference.

Items were also referred to us from the reports of the Boards of Control, of Church Erection and of Sustentation, of Foreign Missions, and of the Central Board of Missions; items from the reports of all the Presbyteries except Lakes, Iowa, and Philadelphia, and items from the letter of the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, and from the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Psalms. Many of these items were designed simply for the information of your Committee as to the amounts desired in our list of appropriations, and need no other reference to them in this report.

There have also been referred to us the following separate matters:

10. The petition of Martha Cannon and others concerning the Greensburg church property, together with an accompanying statement of J. R. Cannon of Wyman, Iowa.

11. An inquiry from the Rev. D. S. Favis concerning the price of certain copies of the volume Memorial of Covenating.

12. Letter from the Rev. Joseph McCracken.

13. A motion to take steps for the purchase of the late Dr. Metheny's property in Mersine, Asia Minor, for the use of our mission in that place.

The reports of Walter T. Miller, John T. Morton, R. C. Wylie and James S. Tibby have been audited before their presentation to Synod. Treasurers Walter T. Miller, John T. Morton and Miss Agnes B. Orr of the R. P. Woman's Association, have prepared summaries of their respective reports. We recommend that these summaries be published, and that the reports of other treasurers be published in full. We also recommend that the re-

ort of Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer of the Jewish Mission, when audited by the Jewish Mission Board, be published among the rest.

Our further recommendations are as follows:

1. That Synod approve the disposition of the ten dollars additional from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Steele, which has been made by the Board of Trustees.

2. That the sum of eleven dollars, the bequest of Mrs. Sarah McLane for the Southern Mission, be placed to the credit of the current account of that mission, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board.

3. That the twenty dollars received from the estate of Catharine J. Gamble, to be applied one-half to the Southern and one-half to the Indian Mission, be placed in the current funds of these missions, as recommended by the Board.

4. We recommend that the amount of thirty dollars and twelve cents received by bequest from James W. Thursby, to be divided between the Indian Mission and the Foreign Mission, be given to the current accounts of these missions.

5. That we approve the disposition made by the Board of the thirty-five dollars received this year from the Rebecca Jane Burneson bequest.

6. That the ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents received by bequest of Mrs. Mary H. Sloane for the Theological Seminary be credited to the Theological Seminary Endowment fund.

7. That the five hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty cents, bequest of John and Eliza Jane Coulter, to be divided equally between Foreign Missions, Home Missions and the Theological Seminary, be credited, as the Board has recommended, to the current funds of the missions named and the endowment fund of the Theological Seminary.

8. That the final action proposed by the Board to convey the title of the property purchased by the Clyde fund to the widow and family of the Rev. Chas. Clyde be approved.

9. As to the petition of the Cannon heirs we recommend that Synod instruct the Board of Trustees to proceed without delay in ascertaining the title to the property in Greensburg, Pa., known as the Greensburg church property, and be instructed to be vigilant and considerate in guarding the rights and interests of the Cannon heirs, as well as the rights and interests of the church.

10. That the resignation of Walter T. Miller be not accepted, and that a committee be appointed to inform him of this action, and to express to him this Synod's appreciation of his long continued and most valuable services, and that we cannot at this time see our way clear to relieve him of these duties.

11. That we approve the proposal of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College to secure, if possible, the means for the immediate improvement of the college dormitory, and that Synod's Board of Trustees be directed, if necessary, to advance the necessary funds as a loan to the College Board, the amount not to exceed the sum of sixteen hundred ($1,600) dollars.

12. That we regard with great satisfaction the very considerable increase in the college endowment secured since last Synod by President Johnston; that we approve the purpose of the Board to continue this effort during the year, and that we commend it to the generosity of our people.

13. That the appropriations of the Mission Conference be approved; and that the language of the item referring to Belle Centre congregation be changed to read, "An amount equal to that raised by the congregation, not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars."

14. That our appropriation to the Joint Committee on the revision of the psalms be made twenty-five dollars for this year, and that this, together with our annual payment of sixty dollars to the Council of Reformed Churches, be paid from the Literary fund.

15. That payment for the copies of the Memorial volume referred to in the inquiry of Rev. D. S. Favis be accepted at the rate of twenty-five cents a volume.

16. That the collection for the Library fund be divided equally between the College and Seminary libraries.

17. That we approve the course of the Board of Foreign Missions in encouraging the support of particular missionaries by particular congregations, societies and individuals, and that we recommend the more general adoption of this plan, not only as tending to increase the contributions of the church to this cause, but as tending to a deeper and closer and more sympathetic interest in the whole work.

18. That the travelling expenses of the Rev. Joseph McCracken, in attending the Synod of the Christian Reformed church, amounting to six dollars and fifty-five cents, be paid from the Literary fund.

19. That eight hundred copies of the minutes of this Synod be printed under the direction of the clerk; and that the deficit incurred by the expense of printing the minutes of last year be paid from the Literary fund.

20. That the resolution to raise a fund for the purchase of the property of the late Dr. David Metheny, in Mersina, Asia Minor, for the use of our mission in that place, be referred, without recommendation, to the Board of Foreign Missions.

21. That the clerk of Synod be directed to cast the unani-

mous ballot of this Synod for Messrs. John T. Morton, Samuel McNaugher, Sr., and James A. McAteer, to serve for three years as their own successors on the Board of Trustees. Your committee would call the attention of Synod to the necessity of adding some younger business men to the Board at no distant day, that they may gain experience in the management of the vested funds of the church. We recommend also that the Rev. W. C. Allen be placed on the Board of Control to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. T. P. Robb, D. D., deceased, and that the Rev. C. D. Trumbull, D. D., and Elder S. E. McElhinney, whose terms expire at this meeting, be re-elected to serve for the next four years.

22. We recommend the following appropriations, with the accompanying dates for the taking of collections:

Literary Fund, June, second Sabbath	$ 1,500
Library Fund, June, fourth Sabbath	500
Aged People's Home, July, first Sabbath	1,000
Widows' and Orphans' Fund, July, third Sabbath	2,000
Aged Ministers' Fund, August, first Sabbath	1,500
Students' Aid Fund, August, third Sabbath	1,500
Indian Mission, September, first Sabbath	5,000
Domestic Mission, October, first Sabbath	7,000
Jewish Mission, October, third Sabbath	2,500
Southern Mission, November, first Sabbath	5,000
Syrian Mission, December, first Sabbath	15,000
National Reform, January, first Sabbath	5,000
Theological Seminary, January, third Sabbath	1,500
Mission in China, February, first Sabbath	6,000
Testimony Bearing, February, third Sabbath	4,000
Sustentation, March, first Sabbath	6,000
Geneva College, March, third Sabbath	2,500
Church Erection, April, first Sabbath	5,000

It is recommended that sessions and congregations which prefer to couple together any of these collections and take them on the same day, be at full liberty to do so..

We further recommend that an earnest effort be made to raise the full amount of these appropriations, and we make special mention of the Literary fund, for which fifteen hundred dollars was asked last year, and only $485 received.

Signed by all the members of the Committee:

T. P. Stevenson,
W. C. Allen,
Robert Clarke,
S. S. Dill,
J. G. McConnell.

Report of Synod's Treasurer.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Sparta, Ill., on May 25, 1904.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Herewith find my twelfth annual report as treasurer of the "Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America" for the year commencing May 1, 1903, and ending April 30, 1904, which has been audited by a committee of said Board, whose certificate is hereto attached.

The Board has declared a dividend of 4 5% on Endowment of $310,965,96 (as shown on balance sheet) from the cash revenue received and credited to Interest Account during the year, amounting to $13,993,57.

The net revenue from the David Gregg Endowment Fund for the year is $8,069.25 and has been credited as instructed by donor.

The indebtedness to the Board of the Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, including the $3,500.00 balance due on the mortgage, which was given at the time of purchase of property for the home, to Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, was paid on Sept. 28, 1903, by the ladies through Miss Agnes B. Orr, Treasurer.

The James Fraser bequest, after an offer by us to compromise, was appealed from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, 1st division, to the Court of Appeals of New York, and the decision rendered was against us. This estate was divided among various church schemes by the Synod of 1896. (See minutes pages 59 and 60.)

The Bequests received since last Synod are:

John Coulter and Eliza Jane, his wife, of Baltimore Cong., per John D Core, John M. Carter and James H. Smith, receivers, being a compromise allowed by Court, after a tedious contest was

Nov. 2, '03,	For Theological Seminary	$	180 00
	Foreign Mission		180 00
	Home Mission		180 00
		$	540 00
	Less expenses		3 50
		$	536 50

Mrs. Sarah McLane

Apr. 2, '04.	Per J. C. Morrison, Treasurer of Barnet Cong. For Southern Mission	$	11 00

David J. Kirkpatrick, near Connersville, Ind.

(To be distributed by Rev. T. B. Robb who did so as follows:)

June 12, '03.	Geneva College Endowment	$	1,000 00
	Reformed Pres. Church Bldg., Chicago, Ill.		90 71
		$	1,090 71

Mrs. Mary Ann Henry, Brooklyn Cong. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Apr. 25, '04.	Per James H. Culbert, Exr. Wm. G. McCrea, Atty. and John W. Pritchard	$	3,000 00
	Less succession tax		129 60
		$	2,870 40
	Less other expenses		1 60
		$	2,868 80

Copy of her will says: 4th. I do hereby give and bequeath unto the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America the sum of $3,000 in trust, to keep same invested, and to pay the interest arising therefrom annually to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn of which I am a member, so long as said church shall remain a member of said general body, and continue to observe the requirements thereof, and on its ceasing so to do, then I give and bequeath said sum to said general body.

Mrs. Mary H. Sloan, Syracuse, N. Y.

Sept. 11, '03.	For Theological Seminary	$	100 00
	Less Exchange		1 00
		$	99 00
	Less fees notary and prothonotary		1 50
		$	97 50

Catherine J. Gamble

Per Mrs. Haddie Faris, Tr. of L. M. S. of Bloomington Congregation.

	Southern Mission	$	10 00
	Indian Mission		10 00
		$	20 00

James W. Thursby, South Side, Pittsburg, Allegheny Cong.

Per Dr. A. S. Husted and Jos. Adams, Exrs.

Apr. 8, '04.	Indian Mission	$	15 06
	Foreign Mission		15 06
		$	30 12

Respectfully submitted,

Pittsburg, Pa., May 1, 1904. JOHN T. MORTON, *Treasurer.*

Geneva College Endowment.

1903.			
May 1.	Balance	$	127,475 78
June 17.	David J. Kirkpatrick Bequest		1,000 00
Oct. 2.	Cash, Mrs. Rebecca Cameron, note in full dated 6-29-1879		25 00
Nov. 3.	" Note of Miss Eleanor Thompson, per her executors, R. T. McMaster and John M. McMaster		500 00
	The following paid at solicitation of Rev. W. P. Johnston:		
Sept. 22.	Cash, A. S. Hunter, Wilkinsburg, Pa		250 00
Oct. 8.	" Theodore McNaughton, Ray, Ind		500 00
Nov. 9.	" Rev. W. P. Johnston, D. D., on acct. note for $500.00		55 00
Nov. 9.	" Clara and Wm. Wylie, Wilkinsburg, Pa		100 00
Nov. 17.	" Rev W. P. Johnston, D. D., on acct. note		45 00
Nov. 24.	" Mrs. Mary Morton, Allegheny, Pa.		100 00
Dec. 2.	" Mrs. M. M. Gregg, Allegheny, Pa		400 00
Dec. 9.	" Mrs. Susan Hunt, Baltimore, Md		100 00
Dec. 17.	" John H. Converse, Philadelphia, Pa		25 00

Dec. 21.	"	J. M. Steele, Philadelphia, Pa.....		200 00
Dec. 31.	"	Note of J. Hays Euwer, Allegheny, Pa. (A memorial scholarship in memory of his father Daniel Euwer).....		1,000 00
1904,				
Jan. 2.	"	W. F. Euwer, Jeannette, Pa. (First payment on verbal promise to pay $100 each year for ten years)		100 00
Jan. 5.	"	D. S. Gailey, New Kensington, Pa., on acct. note for $700.00		500 00
Jan. 9.	"	Mrs. Caroline O'Neill, New York, N. Y. (Scholarship in memory of her son, Hugh O'Neill, Jr.)		1,000 00
Jan. 14.	"	Rev. W. P. Johnston, D. D., on acct. note.....		25 00
Jan. 23.	"	D. S. Gailey, New Kensington, Pa., balance of note for $700.00		200 00
Feb. 4.	"	Mrs. Fannie E. Graham, Olathe, Kan., note in full.....		100 00
Mar. 5.	"	J. R. Copeland, Parnassus, Pa.....		100 00
Apr. 22.	"	Dr. Jas. M. Blackwood, New Castle, Pa., on acct. note of T. J. & Jas. M. Blackwood for $1,000.00.....		5 00
1903.				
Dec. 21.	Cash,	Paid Rev. W. P. Johnston, expenses incurred in collecting Endowment .....$	30 50	
1904.				
May 1.		Balance.....	133,775 28	
			$133,805 78	$133,805 78

Theological Seminary Endowment.

1903.				
May 1.		Balance .....$		60,737 14
Oct. 1.	Cash,	Rev. J. J. Huston, face in full of his three student's notes of $55.00 each		165 00
Dec. 17.	"	Note of James D. Elder, settled through Rev. D. S. Faris, dated May 4, 1863. Estate paid $27.96 less 25 cents for probating note		27 71
May 1, '04.		Balance.....	$60,929 85	
			$60,929 85	$60,929 85

Students' Fund Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance .....$ 15,877 93

Foreign Mission Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance .....$ 43,536 17

Domestic Mission Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance .....$ 31,101 04

Southern Mission Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance .....$ 4,556 28

Chinese Mission Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance .....$ 100 00

Indian Mission Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance .....$ 1,500 00

Aged Ministers' Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 12,740 56

Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 5,691 06

Church Extension Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 3,400 00

James R. McKee Memorial Endowment.

(For Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.)

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 2,000 00

James R. McKee Memorial Endowment.

(For Foreign Mission.)

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 1,000 00

Iowa Presbytery Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 700 00

Wilkinsburg Congregation Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 500 00

Mrs. Mary Ann Henry Endowment Bequest.

Apr. 30, '04.	Mrs. Mary Ann Henry Bequest Acct.....	$	3,000 00
	Less succession tax		129 60
		$	2,870 40
	Less charges of Bequest Acct.....		1 60
		$	2,868 80

The income from this (by terms of will) to go first to Brooklyn Congregation, so long as it remains in our church. When it ceases so to do, the income is then to go to the general body.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 2,868 80

Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 3,000 00

Bible Society Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance ..... $ 50 00

David Gregg Bequest Endowment.

May 1, '04. Balance $157,015 73

David Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance...	$156,515	73
Apr. 12, '04.	Foreign Mission 5 shares...	$2,689	75
	Domestic Mission 3 shares..	1,613	85
	Sustentation Fund 1 share.	537	95
	Church Erection 1 share....	537	95
	Theological Sem'ry 1 share	537	95
	Southern Mission 1 share...	537	95

Apr. 12, '04.	Chinese Mission 1 share.....	537 95				
	Ministerial Widows and Orphans Fund 1 share.....	537 95				
	Central R. P. Church, All'y 1 share.....	537 95		8,069 25		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Loans on bonds and mortgages during year.....			22,534 27		
Apr. 12, '04.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Acct.....				$	8,069 25
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Received for loans (Bonds and Mortgages.....					24,350 00
May 1, '04.	Balance.....					154,700 00
				$187,119 25	$	187,119 25

David Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Interest received during year...			$	8,538 94
Apr. 12, '04.	Interest Acct. Charge per order of Board	$	424 69		
Apr. 12, '04.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct.....		8,069 25		
May 1, '04.	Balance.....		45 00		
			$8,538 94		$8,558 94

Mortgage Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$271,298 53			
Apr. 30, '04.	Paid for loans during year		36,621 52		
Apr. 30, '04.	Received on loans during year and mortgages foreclosed.....			$	30,206 27
May 1, '04.	Balance.....				277,713 78
			$307,920 05	$	307,920 05

Robert Aiken Property Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance.....	$	456 08		
Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct.		27 36		
May 1, '04.	Balance.....			$	483 44
			$483 44		$483 44

Real Estate.

(4 Susquehanna St., Pittsburg, Pa.)

May 1, '03.	Balance.....	$	2,409 86		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Paid County taxes for 1903	$ 3 04			
	City taxes for 1904.....	24 40			
	Water rent.....	9 52			
	Repairs	39 60	76 56		
Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct. Net amount of revenue 1 year to 5-1-1904		162 84		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent received			$	239 40
May 1, '04.	Balance.....				2,409 86
			$2,649 26	$	2,649 26

St. Johnsbury Vt. R. P. Church Property Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance.....	$	7,760 26		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Paid water rent, repairs, etc.....		63 98		
Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct. Av'ge interest..$467 37 Less Interest on rent acct. 250 29		217 08		
May 1, '04.	Balance.....			$	8,041 32
			$8,041 32	$	8,041 32

St. Johnsbury Vt. R. P. Church Property Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 3,984 57
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rents received during year			396 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 4,380 57		
		$4,380 57		$4,380 57

Real Estate.

(Linden Ave., Allegheny, Pa.)

May 1, '03.	Balance, Net income	$ 71 20		
	Net profit on property sold	1,057 47		$ 1,128 67
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 1,128 67		

Real Estate.

(Grant Ave., Allegheny, Pa.)

May 1, '03.	Balance, Net income to date			$ 713 84
May 1, '03.	Balance, Net cost of property	$ 18,759 16		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Water rent for 1903 on 6 houses	110 50		
	County taxes for 1903	36 18		
	City taxes for 1904	400 79		
	Repairs	1,348 14		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent received			1,703 95
May 1, '04.	Balance, Net income to date	522 18		
May 1, '04.	Balance, Net cost of property			18,759 16
		$21,176 95		$21,176 95

Real Estate.

(10th and 12th Wards, Allegheny, Pa.)

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 34,281 99		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, County taxes	52 86		
	City taxes	504 27		
May 1, '04.	Balance			$ 34,839 12
		$34,839 12		$34,839 12

Real Estate.

(Lyric St., Pittsburg, Pa.)

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 4,370 58		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, County taxes for 1903	5 10		
	Water rent	11 00		
	Insurance	30 00		
	City taxes 1904	53 04		
	Repairs	519 19		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent received			$ 285 00
May 1, '04.	Balance			4,703 91
		$4,988 91		$4,988 91

Real Estate.

(6718 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.)

Dec. 12, '03.	Sundries: Amount of mortgages and interest	$ 4,505 00		
Dec. 12, '03.	Cash, Taxes etc., overdue	134 29		
Jan. 19, '04.	" Expenses in foreclosing mortgages	9 50		
Apr. 30, '04.	" Insurance	26 25		
Apr. 30, '04.	" City taxes for 1904	49 73		
Apr. 30, '04.	" Repairs	59 61		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent received			$ 175 00
Apr. 30, '04.	Contingent Acct. (one-half of credit to Contingent Acct. 9-18-1902)			250 00
May 1, '04.	Balance, Net income to date	39 41		
May 1, '04.	Balance, Net cost of property			4,398 79
		$4,823 79		$4,823 79

Real Estate.

(6720 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.)

Dec. 12, '03.	Sundries: Amount of mortgages and interest	$ 4,505 00		
Dec. 12, '03.	Cash, Taxes, etc., overdue	134 30		
Jan. 19, '04.	" Expenses in foreclosing mortgage	9 50		
Apr. 30, '04.	" Insurance	26 25		
Apr. 30, '04.	" City taxes for 1904	49 72		
Apr. 30, '04.	" Repairs	73 19		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent received		$ 133 32	
Apr. 30, '04.	Contingent Acct. (one-half of credit to Contingent Acct. 9-18-1902)		250 00	
May 1, '04.	Balance		4,414 64	
		$4,797 96	$4,797 96	

Greensburg Church Property Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 175 00		
Aug. 21, '03.	Cash, Paid Attorney Jas. C. Lauffer for examining tittle to church property	20 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance		$ 195 00	
		$195 00	$195 00	

Estate of Joseph McNaugher, Deceased.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 170 87		
May 1, '04.	Balance		$ 170 87	

Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People of R. P. Church.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 3,682 50		
Sept. 2, '03.	Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 months interest	105 00		
Sept. 30, '03.	Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 27 days interest to 10-1-1903	15 75		
Aug. 25, '03.	Cash, per Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Tr. 6 months interest		$ 105 00	
Sept. 28, '03.	Cash, per Miss Agnes B. Orr, Tr., on acct. of indebtness— principal, $3,500 00 interest, 15 75		3,515 75	
Dec. 18, '03.	Cash, per Miss Agnes B. Orr, Tr., balance of indebtness viz :— Insurance, $ 82 50 Attorney's fees, 100 00		182 50	
		$3,803 25	$3,803 25	

Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot.

May 1, '04.	Balance		$ 3,500 00	
Sept. 2, '04.	Home for Widows and Orphans Acct. 6 mos. interest to 9-3-1903		105 00	
Sept. 30, '04.	Home for Widows and Orphans Acct. 27 days interest to 10-1-1903		15 75	
Sept. 2, '03.	Cash, Remitted	$ 105 00		
Sept. 30, '03.	Remitted balance due	3,515 75		
		$3,620 75	$3,620 75	

Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Donation No. 2.—Philadelphia, Pa.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 1,840 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 1,840 00		

Life Insurance Policy.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 1,840 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance			$ 1,840 00

Cash Donation.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 2,474 73
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 2,474 73		

Real Estate Donation.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 808 95		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Paid City Sprinkling and County taxes	61 97		
	Insurance	9 60		
	Attorney's fees	15 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance			$ 895 52
		$895 52		$895 52

Donation in Memory of Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin.

(For Chinese Foreign Mission.)

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 55 33
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 55 33		

Thomas Christison Donation, Guthrie, Wis.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 100 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 100 00		

Real Estate Donation.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 25 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance			$ 25 00

Donation Account.

(Name not to be given.)

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 900 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 900 00		

Donation Account.

(Name not to be given.)

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 2,100 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 2,100 00		

Real Estate Donation.

(Name not to be given.)

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 1 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance			$ 1 00

Real Estate Account.

(Name not to be given.)

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 1 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance			$ 1 00

Estate of John Gibson,—New Concord, O.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$	127 00	
Oct. 30, '03.	Cash, Paid Farmers' Deposit National Bank for use of safe in vault, 1 year to 11-1-1904		5 00	
May 1, '04.	Balance			$ 132 00
			$132 00	$132 00

Donation of Baltimore Congregation.

Sept. 11, '03.	Cash, per Dr. G. W. Slater, proceeds of sale of church property to be distributed according to resolutions of congregation at meeting held July 20, 1903, viz :			
	Board of Church Erection—advanced to them in 1867			$ 700 00
	Philadelphia Pres.—money advanc'd to them in their need.	$340 00		
	Philadelphia Pres.—for Jewish Mission in their charge	160 00		500 00
	Chicago Congregation	325 00		
	Topeka Congregation	325 00		
	Denver Congregation	325 00		
	Indian Mission at Fort Sill	325 00		1,300 00
	Philadelphia Pres.—amount of interest earned			26 25
	Topeka Cong. for a parsonage			1,000 00
Sept. 22, '03.	Board of Church Erection, Walter T. Miller, Tr.		$ 700 00	
Sept. 22, '03.	Phila. Pres., Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Tr.		340 00	
Sept. 22, '03.	Phila. Pres , Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Tr.		160 00	
Sept. 22, '03.	Phila. Pres., Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Tr.		26 25	
Sept. 22, '03.	Cash, Covenanter Church in Chicago, Dr. J. C. McCandless, Tr.		325 00	
Sept. 22, '03.	" Covenanter Church in Topeka, F. L. McClelland		325 00	
Sept. 22, '03.	" Covenanter Church in Denver, Colo., Rev. T. H. Acheson		325 00	
Sept. 22, '03.	" Indian Mission at Fort Sill, Rev. W. W. Carithers		325 00	
Oct. 30, '03.	" Margaret S. Mitchell, Sec'y and Treas. for non-interest bearing mortgage of Topeka Cong. dated 9-23-1903		1,000 00	
			$3,526 25	$3,526 25

Bequest of John Coulter and Eliza Jane Coulter, his wife.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$	2 50	
Oct. 27, '03.	Cash, Paid Notary's and Prothonotary's fees		1 00	
Nov. 2, 03.	Cash, Per John D. Core, John M. Carter, and Jas. H. Smith, receivers, being amount of compromise allowed by court :			
	Theological Seminary	$180 00		
	Foreign Mission	180 00		
	Home Mission	180 00		$ 540 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$	536 50	
			$540 00	$540 00

Rev. Robert Shields Bequest, Almonte, Ont., Canada.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	600 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 600 00		

Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest.

(Late of Moon Township, Beaver Co , Pa.)

June 2, '03.	Cash, 3rd installment of bequest		$	35 00
Apr. 23, '04.	" 4th installment of bequest			35 00
July 31, '03.	Walter T. Miller, Tr , Acct. for Mission in Syri a	$ 5 00		
July 31, '03.	Walter T. Miller, Tr , Acct for Mission in Latakia	5 00		
July 31, '03.	Indian Mission Current Acct	5 00		
July 31, '03.	Theological Seminary Current Acct	10 00		
July 31, '03.	Geneva College Current Acct	10 00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Walter T. Miller, Tr., Acct. for Mission in Syria	5 00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Walter T. Miller, Tr., Acct. for Mission in Latakia	5 00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Indian Mission Current Acct	5 00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Theological Seminary Current Acct	10 00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Geneva College Current Acct	10 00		
		$70 00		$70 00

Mrs. Sarah McLane Bequest.

Apr. 2, '04.	Cash, Per J. C. Morrison, Tr. of Barnet Cong. for Southern Mission		$	11 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 11 00		

David J. Kirkpatrick Bequest of near Connersville, Ind.

June 12, '04.	Cash, Per Rev. T. P Robb for Geneva College Endowment $1,000 00 For R.P.Ch'ch B'ld'g in Chicago $106 21 Less expenses of Rev. Robb in securing bequest 15 50 90 71		$	1,090 71
June 17, '03.	Cash paid Rev. Robert Clark amount for R. P. Church B'ld'g in Chicago	$ 90 71		
June 17, '03.	Geneva College Endowment Acct	1 000 00		
		$1,090 71		$1,090 71

Jane Allsworth Bequest.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 53 25		
Nov. 25, '03.	Cash, Two round trip tickets to Jeanette, Pa	2 32		
May 1, '04.	Balance		$	55 57
		$55 57		$55 57

C· H. Stormont Bequest, Sparta, Ill.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	1,145 02
June 17, '03.	Domestic Mission Acct. (per order of Synod 1902)	$ 1,145 02		

Miss Jane Robinson Bequest, Bloomington, Ind.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 175 00
July 31, '03.	Indian Mission Current Acct.	$ 50 00		
July 31, '03.	Jewish Mission Current Acct.	50 00		
July 31, '03.	Domestic Mission Current Acct.	25 00		
July 31, '03.	Southern Mission Current Acct.	25 00		
July 31, '03.	Sustentation Fund Current Acct.	25 00		
		$175 00		$175 00

Mrs. Mary Ann Henry Bequest, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(Income to go to Brooklyn Congregation for present.)

May 1, '03.	Balance	$	60	
Apr. 25, '04.	Cash. Notary and prothonotary fees..		1 00	
Apr. 25, '04.	Cash, Per James H Culbert, Exr. thr'gh Wm. McCrea Attorney and John W. Pritchard . $3,000 00 Less succession tax 129 60			$ 2,870 40
Apr. 30, '04.	Mrs Mary Ann Henry Endowment Bequest		2,868 80	
			$2,870 40	$2,870 40

Mrs. Elizabeth Steele Bequest.

(Third Philadelphia Congregation.)

May 22, '03.	Cash, Per Rev. R. C. Montgomery and John R. McLean, Executors, to the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Pres. Church in N. A. to be employed by them in carrying on the work of Foreign Missions in said church			$ 9,571 96
July 31, '03.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct., viz: (order Synod 1903)			
	Mission in China	$	3,000 00	
	Foreign Mission		6,571 96	
			$9,571 96	$9,571 96

Mrs. Mary H. Sloane Bequest, Syracuse, N. Y.

(For Theological Seminary.)

Sept. 11, '03,	Cash, Per Third Nat. Bank, Syracuse N. Y. $100 00 Less exchange 1 00			$ 99 00
Sept. 2, '03.	Cash, Paid fees of Notary and Prothonotary	$	1 50	
May 1, '04.	Balance		97 50	
			$99 00	$99 00

Catharine J. Gamble Bequest

Mar. 18, '04	Cash, Per Mrs. Haddie Faris, Tr. L. M. S. of Bloomington Cong For Southern Mission $10 00 For Indian Mission 10 00			$ 20 00
May 1, '04.	Balance	$	20 00	

James W. Thursby Bequest.

(South Side, Pittsburg, Allegheny Congregation.)

Apr. 8, '04.	Cash, Per Dr. A. S. Husted and Jos. Adams, Exrs. For Indian Mission $15 06 For Foreign Mission 15 06			$ 30 12
May 1, '04.	Balance	$	30 12	

James Fraser Bequest, New York, N. Y.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	2,653 81
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rents received			1,314 60
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, paid water taxes	$ 20 00		
	City taxes 1903	287 15		
	Attorney's fees and other expenses of suit	761 71		
	Repairs, etc	196 51		
May 1, '04.	Balance	2,703 04		
		$3,968 41		$3,968 41

Iowa Presbytery Interest Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend		$	31 50
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted	$ 31 50		

Wilkinsburg Congregation Interest Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend		$	22 50
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted	$ 22 50		

Mrs. Agnes McInroy Interest Account.

Apr. 11, '04.	Interest to May 1, 1904		$	120 00
Apr. 11, '04.	Cash, Remitted	$ 120 00		

James R. McKee Memorial Interest Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend		$	45 00
Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend			90 00
Apr. 30, '04.	W. T. Miller, Tr., Acct. for Foreign Mission Current Acct	$ 45 00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Current Acct	90 00		
		$135 00		$135 00

Foreign Mission Interest Account.

Apr. 12, '04.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 5 shares		$	2,689 75
Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $43,536 17			1,959 13
Apr. 12, '04.	Walter T. Miller, Tr., Acct	$ 2,689 75		
Apr. 30, '04.	Walter T. Miller, Tr., Acct	1,959 13		
		$4,648 88		$4,648 88

Church Extension or Erection Interest Account.

Apr. 12, '04.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 1 share		$	537 95
Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $3,400 00			153 00
Apr. 12, '04.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct	$ 537 95		
Apr. 30, '04.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acct	153 00		
		$690 95		$690 95

Bible Society Interest Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend		$	2 25
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted American Bible Society, N. Y	$ 2 25		

Central Reformed Presbyterian Church, Allegheny.

Apr. 12, '04.	D Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 1 share		$	537 95
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted	$ 537 95		

Cash Donation Interest Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct.		$	125 00
Apr. 30, '04	Cash, Remitted	$ 125 00		

Thomas Christison Donation Interest Account.

Mar. 29, '04.	Interest Acct. one year's interest to 3-30-1904		$	5 00
Mar. 29, '04.	Cash, Remitted	$ 5 00		

Donation Account—Interest Account.

(Name not to be used.)

Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct.		$	36 00
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted	$ 36 00		

Donation Account—Interest Account.

(Name not to be used.)

Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct.		$	94 00
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted	$ 94 00		

Rev. Robert Shield's Bequest Interest Account.

June 24, '03.	Interest Acct. one year's interest to 6-29-1903		$	24 00
June 24, '03.	Cash, Remit'd Mrs. Elizabeth Shields.	$ 24 00		

Walter T. Miller, Treasurer Account.

July 31, '03.	Mrs. Elizabeth Steele Bequest Mission in China	$3,000 00		
	Foreign Mission	6,571 96	$	9,571 96
July 31, '03.	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest Mission in Syria			5 00
July 31, '03.	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest Mission in Latakia			5 00
Apr. 12, '04.	Foreign Mission Int. Acct.	$2,689 75		
Apr. 12, '04.	Church Erection Int. Acct.	537 95		3,227 70
Apr. 30, '04.	Foreign Mission Int. Acct.	1,959 13		
Apr. 30, '04.	Church Extension or Erection Int Acct	153 00		
Apr. 30, '04.	J. R. McKee Memorial Interest Acct	45 00		2,157 13
Apr. 30, '04.	Mrs Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest Mission in Syria			5 00
Apr. 30, '04.	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest Mission in Latakia			5 00
July 31, '03.	Cash, Remitted	$ 9,581 96		
Apr. 12, '04.	Cash, Remitted	3,227 70		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted	2,167 13		
		$14,976 79		$14,976 79

W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Presbytery.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	200 00
Nov. 4, '03.	Interest Acct.			10 00
Nov. 4, '03.	Cash, Remitted Mrs. J. R. McKee Tr.	$ 10 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance	200 00		
		$210 00		$210 00

South Carolina Cemetery Lot Repairs near Chester, S. C.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	12 25
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 12 25		

Subscriptions for Publishing Christian Conference Report.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	18 92
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 18 92		

Fund to Procure Home for Family of Rev. Chas. Clyde, Dec'd.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	1,312 29
Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct. average interest to 5-1-1904 at 4.5%			57 16
Aug. 20, '03.	Cash, Paid taxes for 1903	$ 27 36		
Jan. 22, '04.	" Paid Mrs. S. B. Clyde	84 93		
May 1, '04.	Balance	1,257 16		
		$1,369 45		$1,369 45

Real Estate Donation Rent Account.

(This belongs to the donor.)

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	15 15
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent received			208 30
Apr. 1, '04.	" Remitted	$ 206 58		
Apr. 30, '04.	" Paid repairs, etc	62 89		
May 1, '04.	Balance overdrawn			46 02
		$269 47		$269 47

Office Furniture Account.

May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 315 00		
Sept. 4, '03.	Cash, Carpet and mats	104 80		
Feb. 15, '04.	" Mat	3 71		
May 1, '04.	Balance		$	423 51
		$423 51		$423 51

Expense Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent of office to 5-1.1904	$ 731 00
	Telephone 1 year	55 00
	Expenses of D. Chestnut, attending Synod	38 85
	Hawes & Gangwich, typewrit'g Sec'y's report of Synod	4 50
	Equitable Trust Co. for bond of Treas	50 00
	Two copies of Minutes of Synod	60
	Printing church scheme circulars and cards and postage, etc., on same	19 08
	Subscript'n to Christian Nation	1 50
	Repairing cabinet	1 50
	Car fare	7 00
	P. O. Stamps	44 87
	Stationery	10 83
	Cash book	21 00
	Book for monthly Insurance Expirations	8 75
	Receipt book	13 00

Apr. 30, '04.	John T. Morton, salary 12 mos. to 5-1-1904		1,600	00		
	D. Chesnut, Sec'y, salary 12 mos. to 5-1-1904		500	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Geneva College Current Acct				$ 310	75
	Theological Seminary Current Acct				233	06
	Domestic Mission Current Acct				233	06
	Southern Mission Current Acct				155	37
	Interest Acct				2,175	24
			$3,107	48	$3,107	48

Interest Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance				$ 239	18
Apr. 12, '04.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Acct				424	69
Apr. 30, '04.	Sundries: Pittsburg Presbytery				6	87
Apr. 30, '04.	Robert Aiken Property Acct				27	36
Apr. 30, '04.	Real Estate Acct. (4 Susquehanna St.)				162	84
Apr. 30, '04.	St. Johnsbury Church Prop. Acct				217	08
Apr. 30, '04.	Geneva College Current Acct				169	88
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Interest on mortgages for year				15,860	13
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Paid Rev. Robert Shields Bequest Interest Acct	$	24	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	" " Cash Donation on Interest Acct		125	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	" " Sundry Cash Donation Interest Accts		130	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	" " W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Pres. Acct		10	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	" " Thos. Christison Don'tion Interest Acct		5	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	" " Mrs. Agnes McInroy Int. Acct		120	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Sundries: Pittsburg Presbytery		137	30		
Apr. 30, '04.	Fund to Procure Home for Family of Rev Chas. Clyde, Deceased		57	16		
Apr. 30, '04.	Mrs. M. A. Slater, (as a memorial, etc.)		5	57		
Apr. 30, '04.	Expense Acct		2,175	24		
Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowments of $310,965 96		13,993	47		
May 1, '04.	Balance		325	29		
		$17,108	03		$17,108	03

Contingent Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance				$ 993	49
Nov. 20, '03.	Mrs. M. A. Slater, (as amemorial, etc.)	$	84	44		
Apr. 30, '04.	Real Estate 6718 Simen Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. (one-half of credit of 9-18-1902)		250	00		
Apr. 30, '04.	Real Estate 6720 Simen Ave, Pittsburg, Pa. (one-half of credit of 9-18-1902)		250	00		
May 1, '04.	Balance		409	05		
		$993	49		$993	40

Cash Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$	8 985	60		
Apr. 30, '04.	Receipts	131,781	16			
Apr. 30, '04.	Expenditures				$135,008	21
May 1, '04.	Balance				5.758	55
		$140,766	76		$140,766	76

Domestic Mission Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 1,459 26
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 107 Congregations	$2,719 16		
	11 Sabbath Schools	256 65		
	4 L. M. S.	80 05		
	25 Individuals	296 50		
	1 W. P. M. S.	15 50		3,367 86
	C. H. Stormont Bequest			1,145 02
	Miss Jane Robison Bequest			25 00
	Mrs. J. F. Law, deceased, Denison, Kan., per L.			25 00
	D. Gregg Endow. Bequest Mortgage Acct., 3 shares			1,613 85
	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $31,101 04			1,399 55
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Balance ap'priations by Synod 1902, which pays in full to 7 1-1903, viz:			
	Pittsburg Pres., John T. Morton, Tr.		$ 325 00	
	Colorado Pres., E. B. Lemmon, Tr.		204 48	
	Illinois Pres., Rev. D. S. Faris, Tr.		75 00	
	Iowa Pres., G. Cunningham, Tr.		237 50	
	Kansas Pres., R. M. Atchison, Tr.		561 50	
	Lakes Pres., Rev. R. Hargrave, Tr.		162 50	
	N. B. & N. S. Pres., Rev. Thos. McFall, Tr.		112 50	
	New York Pres., Rev. S. McNaugher, Tr.		30 00	
	Ohio Pres., Rev. A. A. Samson, Tr.		112 50	
	Cash, New York Pres., by order of Board at Synod for Rev. S. R. Wallace		70 00	
	Rev. Solomon Kingston, salary at Selma, Ala., 3 months		99 99	
	Printing letter heads for Sec'y.		5 00	
	Rev. J. Milligan Wylie, assisting at Communion at Los Angeles, Cal.		25 00	
	Cash, Paid appropriations by Synod 1903 in full to 4-1-1904, viz:			
	Colorado Pres., E. B. Lemmon, Tr.		640 40	
	Illinois Pres., Rev. D. S. Faris, Tr.		447 26	
	Iowa Pres., G. Cunningham, Tr.		712 50	
	Kansas Pres., R. M. Atchison, Tr.		1,482 70	
	N. B. & N. S. Pres., Rev. Thos. McFall, Tr.		405 00	
	New York Pres., Rev. S. McNaugher, Tr.		165 00	

	Ohio Pres., Rev. A. A. Samson, Tr. (The last quarterly payment of this was sent to Rev. J. C. Slater)	625 00		
	Pittsburg Pres., John T. Morton, Tr.	787 50		
	Rochester Pres., John Hunter, Jr., Tr.	39 56		
	Vermont Pres., Rev. J. C. Taylor, Tr.	59 00		
	Lakes Pres., Rev. R. Hargrave, Tr.	487 50		
	Colorado Pres., ap'priation by Synod 1903 for exploring field in Southern Cal. in full	200 00		
	Colorado Pres., for Rev. P. J. McDonald at Los Angeles, Cal., per order of Central Board	266 66		
	Expense Acct.	233 06		
May 1, '04.	Balance	463 43		
		$9,035 54		$9,035 54

Southern Mission Industrial School.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	568 81
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Receipts			17 50
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Paid J. H. Calloway salary to 5-20-1903	$ 32 26		
	" " Wilbur M. Bottoms, salary 7 mos.	265 00		
	" " Wilbur M. Bottoms, traveling expenses	19 20		
	" " Rev. J. C. Reed for Industrial work	90 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance	179 85		
		$586 31		$586 31

Industrial Building, Selma, Ala.

Apr. 28, '04.	Cash, Receipts	$1,664 48		
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Receipts	50 50	$	1,714 98
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Traveling expenses of Rev. J. G. Reed	$ 57 05		
Apr. 30, '04.	" Expenditures for building, materials, etc.	1,468 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance	189 93		
		$1,714 98		$1,714 98

Southern Mission Building Fund.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 44 35		
Feb. 24, '04.	Cash, Paid Rev. J. G. Reed for additional repairs per order of Board 2-17-1904.	36 57		
Mar. 5, '04.	Cash, Rev. J. G. Reed ret'ned amount sent him 2-24-1904		$	36 57
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Receipts			5 00
May 1, '04.	Balance overdrawn			39 35
		$80 92		$80 92

Knox Academy Current Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, per Rev. J. G. Reed, tuition, 6 mos.....$814 76			
	Less expenses..... 487 07		$	327 69
Apr. 30, '04.	Southern Mission Current Acct.....$	327 69		

Pleasant Grove Mission Property Rent Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent per J. H. Pickens.....		$	30 00
Apr. 30, '04.	Southern Mission Current Acct.....$	30 00		

Superintendent's Home, Selma, Ala., Rent Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rent per Rev. J. G. Reed.....		$	100 00
Apr. 30, '04.	Southern Mission Current Acct.....$	100 00		

Southern Mission Current Acct.

May 1, '03.	Balance.....		$	2,827 13
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 105 Congregations.....$2,079 48			
	20 Sabbath Schools..... 482 20			
	16 L. M. S..... 165 08			
	2 Mission Bands..... 8 16			
	7 Y. P Societies..... 33 94			
	32 Individuals..... 235 30			
	1 W. P. M. S..... 39 00			
	Y. P. Convention of Kan. Pres..... 21 46			3,064 62
	Miss Jane Robinson Bequest.....			25 00
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 1 share			537 95
	Pleasant Grove Mission Property Rent Acct.....			30 00
	Knox Academy Current Acct.....			327 69
	Superintendent's Home, Selma, Ala. Rent Acct.....			100 00
	Divsdend: 4.5% on Endowment of $4,556 28.....			205 03
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rev. Solomon Kingston, salary 2 mos.....$	66 70		
	Rev. James G. Reed, salary to 5-1-1904.....	1,000 00		
	J. H. Pickens, salary to 5-1-1904	420 00		
	Miss Margaret McCartney, salary to 5-1-1904.....	400 00		
	Miss Mary Wilson, salary to 5-1-1904	320 00		
	Miss May R. Beattie, salary to 6-1-1903.....	25 00		
	Miss Lizzie Brown, salary to 5-1-1904	320 00		
	Mrs. G. M. Sims, salary to 5-1-1904	320 00		
	Miss Mary E. Fowler, salary to 5-1-1904.....	320 00		
	Miss Anabel Stewart, salary to 5-1-1904.....	320 00		

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Miss Sophia P. Kingston, salary to 5-1-1904	280 00		
	Miss Martha Turner, salary to 5-1-1904	280 00		
	Miss Hattie Kingston, salary to 5-1-1904	125 00		
	Mrs. Louise Kynett, salary to 5-1-1904	85 00		
	Miss Margaret McCartney, traveling expenses	39 60		
	Miss Mary Wilson, traveling expenses	39 35		
	Miss May R. Beattie, traveling expenses	20 90		
	Miss Lizzie Brown, traveling expenses	41 60		
	Miss Mary E. Fowler, traveling expenses	32 90		
	Miss Anabel Stewart, traveling expenses	40 78		
	Miss Martha Turner, traveling expenses	17 30		
	Expense Acct	155 37		
May 1, '04.	Balance	2,447 92		
		$7,117 42		$7,117 42

Chinese Home Mission Current Acct.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	877 17
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 1 Congregation	$ 1 00		
	1 Sabbath School	32 70		
	1 L. M. S	15 00		
	1 Young People's Society	10 00		
	7 Individuals	23 50		
	1 W. P. M. S	1 00		
	Chinese School of Y. P. S. of Youngstown Cong	10 00		93 20
	" Chinese of Oakland Chinese Mission per Rev. Isaiah Faris, subscription on acct. of expenses one year to 12-1-1904	$105 00		
	Less exchange	15		104 85
Apr. 30, '04.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 1 share			537 95
Apr. 30, '04.	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $100 00			4 50
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, To help pay expen's of Mission.	$ 70 00		
	Contribution of Chinamen of Eighth St., Pittsb'g Cong., to help pay expenses of Mission	3 00		
	Mrs. S. C. Borland, car fare, etc.	5 00		
	Rev. Isaiah Faris, salary 5 mos. to 5-1.1904	416 65		
	Rev. Isaiah Faris, traveling expenses	30 00		
	Hall rent, 4 months	88 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance	1,005 02		
		$1,617 67		$1,617 67

Indian Mission Industrial School.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	139 60
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 139 60		

Indian Mission Building Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance	$ 2 89		
May 1, '04.	Balance		$	2 89

Mrs. M. A. Slater, as a memorial to her son, Renwick G. Slater.

(To start a new branch of Indian Mission.)

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	250 00
Nov. 20, '03.	Contingent Acct. Interest 7 years, 5 mos. to 12-1-1903 at 4%			84 44
Apr. 30, '04.	Interest Acct. Interest 5 mos. at 4% to 5-1-1904			5 57
May 1, '04.	Balance	$ 340 01		
		$340 01		$340 01

Indian Mission Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	1,250 92
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 113 Congregations	$2,329 60		
	15 Sabbath Schools	249 09		
	1 S. S. Class	2 50		
	8 L. M. S.	76 50		
	1 Mission Band	4 00		
	6 Y. P. Societies	33 55		
	39 Individuals	281 00		
	Chinese of Oakland Chinese Mission	8 90		2,985 14
	Receipts per Report of Rev. W. W. Carithers			12 14
	Mrs. J. F. Law, dec'd, Denison, Kan., per L.			62 00
	W. P. M. S. of Pittsburg Pres. balance of salary of Rev. W. W. Carithers, to 2-1-1904	$750 00		
	W. P. M. S. of Pittsburg Pres. on acct. of salary of Rev. W. W. Carithers, from 2-1-1904	250 00		1,000 00
	Miss Jane Robinson Bequest			50 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest, 3rd payment			5 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest, 4th payment			5 00
	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $1,500 00			67 50
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, salary to 5-1-1904	$ 700 00		
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, salary of farmer to 5-1-1904	300 00		
	W. S. McAnlis and daughter, salary to 5-1.1904	250 00		
	Miss Mary Willson, salary to 5-1-1904	250 00		

	Miss Mary A. Adams, salary to 5-1-1903....		151 33		
	Miss Iva McMillan, salary to 5-1-1904		88 33		
	Miss Etta Thompson, salary		50 00		
	Rev. Herbert B. McMillan, sal'y		466 64		
	W. S. McAnlis and daughter, traveling expenses		81 43		
	Miss Etta Thompson, traveling expenses		21 68		
	Rev. D. McAllister, assisting at communion		25 00		
	Rev. S. E. Greer, services at Mission, 5 Sabbaths		75 00		
	Jas. S. Tibby, psalm selections.		3 51		
	Expenses per reports of Rev. W. W. Carithers		621 74		
	Premium on Insurance policy...		141 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance		2,212 04		
			$5,437 70		$5,437 70

Jewish Mission Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$	560 56
	Receipts.				
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 94 Congregations	$1,090 61			
	11 Sabbath Schools	148 19			
	6 L. M. S.	53 50			
	3 Y. P. Societies	16 67			
	26 Individuals	134 70			
	2 W. P. M. S.	68 41			
	Y. P. Convention of Kan. Pres.	21 46			1,533 54
	Mrs. J. F. Law, dec'd, Denison, Kan., per L.				50 00
	Miss Jane Robinson Bequest				50 00
	Expenditures.				
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Remitted Treasurer of Jewish Mission at Philadelphia		$ 2,055 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance		139 10		
			$2,194 10		$2,194 10

Memorial Building Rent Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$	4,042 33
Apr. 30, 04.	Cash, Rent received				800 00
	Expenditures.				
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Water tax		$ 12 00		
	⅓ amount of Natural gas bills for year		51 81		
	Renewal Insurance policy on plate glass		10 00		
	Allegh'y Illuminating Co. bills		3 00		
	Cleaning		3 75		
	Carpet		10 12		
	Distilled water		2 20		
	Printing		8 75		
	City taxes for 1904		311 62		
	Repairs		145 60		
May 1, '04.	Balance		4,283 48		
			$4,842 33		$4,842 33

Theological Seminary Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 154 38
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 73 Congregations	$479 26		
	2 Sabbath Schools	14 74		
	9 Individuals	118 25		612 25
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest, 3rd payment			10 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest, 4th payment			10 00
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 1 share			537 95
	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $60,737 14			2,733 17
	Expenditures.			
May 5, '03.	Cash, Paid traveling expenses attending meeting of Superintendents, 5-5.1903, viz:			
	Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D.		$ 16 50	
	Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D.		13 00	
	W. R. Sterrett		13 50	
	J. R. Steele		2 30	
May 7, '03.	" Lessons in Elocution to students per order of Superintendents		16 25	
Apr. 30, '04.	" Prof. Geo. M. Sleeth, lessons in Elocution to students		200 00	
	Rev. D. B. Willson, D. D., salary to 6-1-1904		2,000 00	
	Rev. R. J. George, D. D., salary to 6-1-1904		2,000 00	
	Paid traveling expenses attending meeting of Superintentendents, 4-26-1904, viz:			
	W. R. Sterrett		13 60	
	Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D. D.		15 50	
	J. R. Steele		2 25	
	Chas. McElhinney		21 80	
	Expense Acct.		233 06	
May 1, '04.	Balance			490 01
			$4,547 76	$4,547 76

Theological Seminary Library Fund.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 1,114 69
	Receipts.			
Apr. 27, '04.	Cash, Collection at close of Seminary for Insurance of Library			7 11
Apr. 30, '04.	" 58 Congregations	$184 04		
	1 Sabbath School	1 64		
	5 Individuals	7 40		193 08
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Paid for books		$ 18 94	
	Paid W. Henry George, services in Library		50 00	
	Geneva College Library Acct. (one-half receipts during year)		96 54	
May 1, '04.	Balance		1,149 40	
			$1,314 88	$1,314 88

Students Fund Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$	511 04
	Receipts.				
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 72 Congregations	$499 74			
	2 Sabbath Schools	21 63			
	8 Individuals	74 02			595 39
	Dividend: 4 5% on Endowment of $15,877 93				714 51
	Expenditures.				
Nov. 30, '03.	Cash, Paid per order Synod's Board of Control as follows:				
	Rev. T. P. Robb, Sec. for post'ge.		$ 25		
	Wm. W. Wilson		300 00		
	James G. McElhinney		300 00		
	John Yates		250 00		
	George N. Greer		260 00		
	Harvey G. Patterson		150 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance		560 69		
			$1,820 94		$1,820 94

Aged Ministers' Fund Current Acct.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$	917 62
	Receipts.				
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 93 Congregations	$633 26			
	2 Sabbath Schools	12 96			
	13 Individuals	124 90			771 12
	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $12,740 56				573 32
	Expenditures.				
Nov. 30, '03.	Cash, Paid per order Synod's Board of Control as follows:				
	Rev. T. P. Robb, Sec. for post'ge.		$ 30		
	Rev. N. R. Johnston		250 00		
	Rev. H. P. McClurkin		400 00		
	Rev. J. R. Baird		350 00		
	Rev. P. H. Wylie		200 00		
	Rev. J. C. K. Faris		200 00		
	Rev. J. M. Armour		200 00		
May 1, '04.	Balance		661 76		
			$2,262 06		$2,262 06

Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$	680 14
	Receipts.				
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 89 Congregations	$765 30			
	2 Sabbath Schools	8 58			
	9 Individuals	120 60			894 48
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 1 share				537 95
	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $5,691 06				256 10
	Jas. R. McKee Memorial Int. Acct.				90 00

Expenditures.

Nov. 30, '03.	Cash, Paid per order Synod's Board of Control as follows:		
	Rev T. P. Robb, Sec. for post'ge.	$ 45	
	Mrs. Nancy Reid	150 00	
	Mrs. K. E. Smith	75 00	
	Mrs Isabella Milroy	100 00	
	Mrs. Susan Love	100 00	
	Mrs. Margaret Lawson	150 00	
	Mrs. Martha S. George	250 00	
	Mrs. Mary A. Yates	250 00	
	Mrs. Belle T. Dodds	175 00	
	Mrs. Mary A. McMillan	125 00	
May 1, '04.	Balance	1,083 22	
		$2,458 67	$2,458 67

Sustentation Fund Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$ 4,131 90

Receipts.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 94 Congregations	$1,811 09	
	2 Sabbath Schools	28 95	
	1 Individual	1,500 00	
	16 Individuals	198 15	3,538 19
	Miss Jane Robinson Bequest		25 00
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct. 1 share		537 95

Expenditures.

June 5, '03.	Cash, Paid appropriations by Synod 1903 in full as follows:		
	Rev. P. P. Boyd, Almonte Cong.	$ 405 00	
	Rev. D. C. Faris, Barnet Cong.	240 90	
	Rev. J. C. Slater, Jonathans Creek Cong.	270 00	
	Rev. A. J. McFarland, Kansas City Cong.	495 90	
	Rev. J. A. Black, Rehoboth, Ia. Cong.	140 40	
	Rev. J. R. Latimer, Slippery Rock Cong.	225 00	
	Rev. M. M. Pearce, St. Louis Cong.	540 00	
	Rev. S. J. Johnston, Superior Cong.	315 00	
	Rev. G. M. Robb, Syracuse Cong.	547 20	
	Rev. Hugh McCarroll, Vernon Cong.	270 00	
	Rev. T. A. McElwain, West Hebron Cong.	405 00	
	Rev. John H. Pritchard, White Lake Cong.	270 00	
May 1, '04.	Balance	4,108 64	
		$8,233 04	$8,233 04

Testimony Bearing Current Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	140 93
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 88 Congregations	$979 28		
	2 Sabbath Schools	25 64		
	28 Individuals	259 80		
	1 W. P. M. S	17 50		1,282 22
	Mrs. J. F. Law, dec'd, Denison, Kan., per L		$	10 00
	Receipts per reports of Rev. A. J. McFarland			137 63
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Rev. A. J. McFarland, lecturer, salary to 6-1-1904	$ 1,200 00		
	Order No. 95 to John E. Park	48 50		
	Order No. 96 to Murdoch Bros.	40 50		
	Order No. 97 to Rev. W. J. Coleman, D. D	9 06		
	Expenses per reports of Rev. A. J. McFarland	132 84		
May 1, '04.	Balance	139 88		
		$1,570 78		$1,570 78

Geneva College Interest Account.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Received for interest on Geneva College notes during year		$	133 45
Apr. 30, '04.	Geneva College Current Acct	$ 133 45		

Geneva College Library Account.

May 1, '03.	Balance		$	146 71
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Theological Seminary Library Fund (one-half of receipts of Library Fund during year)		$	96 54
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Paid for books, magazines, etc.	$ 112 61		
May 1, '04.	Balance	130 64		
		$243 25		$243 25

Geneva College Current Account.

	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, 81 Congregations	$652 07		
	2 Sabbath Schools	17 22		
	10 Individuals	28 60	$	697 89
	Fee paid by F. H. Bert for A. M. Degree			10 00
	Chapel rent			100 00
	Tuition			3,700 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest 3rd payment			10 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Jane Burneson Bequest 4th payment			10 00
	Geneva College Interest Acct			133 45
	Dividend: 4.5% on Endowment of $127,475 78			5,736 41
May 1, '03.	Balance overdrawn	$ 2,831 43		

Expenditures.

Apr. 30, '04.	Cash, Miss Elizabeth Randall, for services	50 00		
	Prize of Board of Trustees	25 00		
	Rev. J. R. Wylie, expenses attending Board meetings	3 60		
	Chairs for class room	45 00		
	Repairs	286 31		
	Recording deed of Athletic field	2 50		
	Discount on note given in connection with purchase of Athletic field	12 10		
	Taxes on Athletic field	67 40		
	Premium on Insurance policies	96 00		
	Miss Emma McFarland, services for one year ending 6-1-1903	75 00		
	Rev. W. P. Johnston, salary to 6-1-1904	1,500 00		
	Prof. Geo. Kennedy, salary to 6-1-1904	1,200 00		
	Prof. J. M. Coleman, salary to 6-1-1904	1,200 00		
	Prof. R. J. McIsaac, salary to 6-1-1904	1,200 00		
	Prof. Otto F. Bert, salary to 6-1-1904	1,100 00		
	Prof. S. Sterrett Smith, salary to 6-1-1904	900 00		
	Prof. Archibald W. Leech, salary to 6-1-1904	810 00		
	Prof. Grace P. Moorhead, salary to 6-1-1904	630 00		
	Prof. Jos. H. Thompson, salary to 6-1-1904	300 00		
	Miss Emma McFarland, salary to 6-1-1904	200 00		
	Interest Acct. one year's intereest to 5-1-1904 on overdraft of $2,831 43	169 88		
	Expense Acct.	310 75		
May 1, '04.	Balance overdrawn			2,617 22
		$13,014 97		$13,014 97

Pittsburg Presbytery Accounts.

May 1, '04.	Balance, Pittsburg Pres. Current Acct.		$	689 39
May 1, '04.	Balance, Pittsburg Pres. Education Fund			731 16
	Balance, Pittsburg Pres. Investment Fund			2,350 00

Pittsburg Presbytery Sabbath School Convention Fund.

May 1, '04.	Balance		$	95

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 1, 1904.

LIABILITIES.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

	1903.	1904.
Geneva College Endowment	$127,475 78	$133,775 28
Theological Seminary Endowment	60,737 14	60 929 85
Students' Fund Endowment	15,877 93	15,877 93
Foreign Mission Endowment	43,536 17	43,536 17
Domestic Mission Endowment	31,101 04	31,101 04
Southern Mission Endowment	4,556 28	4,556 28
Chinese Mission Endowment	100 00	100 00
Indian Mission Endowment	1,500 00	1,500 00
Aged Ministers' Endowment	12,740 56	12,740 56
Fund for Widows and Children of Dec'd Ministers Endowment	5,691 06	5,691 06
Church Extension Endowment	3,400 00	3,400 00
James R. McKee Memorial Endowment (Widows and Children)	2,000 00	2,000 00
James R. McKee Memorial Endowment (Foreign Mission	1 000 00	1,000 00
Iowa Presbytery Endowment	700 00	700 00
Wilkinsburg Congregation Endowment	500 00	500 00
Mrs Mary Ann Henry Endowment Bequest		2,868 80
Bible Society Endowment	50 00	50 00
(Dividend 4 5% declared on this amount	$310,965 96	
Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment. (Not governed by dividend but by specified rate of interest)		3,000 00
		$323,326 97
D. Gregg Bequest Endowment. (Not governed by dividend. Net revenue distributed as instructed by donor)		157,015 73
		$480,342 70

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

St. Johnsbury Church Property Rent Acct	$ 4,380 57
Real Estate (Linden Ave., Allegheny, Pa.)	1,128 67
Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Donation No. 2	1,840 00
Cash Donation	2,474 73
Donation in memory of Mrs. I. S. Martin	55 33
Thomas Christison Donation	100 00
Donation (Name not to be given)	900 00
Donation (Name not to be given)	2,100 00
Real Estate Donation (Name not to be given)	1 00
Bequest of John Coulter and Eliza Jane Coulter	536 50
Rev. Robert Shields Bequest	600 00
Mrs. Sarah McLane Bequest	11 00
Mrs. Mary H. Sloane Bequest	97 50
Catharine J. Gamble Bequest	20 00
James W. Thursby Bequest	30 12
James Fraser Bequest	2,703 04
W. P. M. S. of Pittsburg Pres	200 00
South Carolina Cemetery Lot Repairs	12 25
Subscriptions for publishing Christian Conference Report	18 92
Fund to Procure Home for Family of Rev. Chas. Clyde, Dec'd	1,257 16
Interest Acct	325 29
Contingent Acct	409 05
D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Acct	45 00
Pittsburg Pres. Current Acct	689 39
Pittsburg Pres. Education Fund	731 6
Pittsburg Pres. Investment Fund	2,350 00
Pittsburg Pres. Sabbath School Convention Fund	95

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Domestic Mission Current Acct.		$ 463 43
Southern Mission Industrial School		179 85
Southern Mission Current Acct.		2,447 92
Chinese Home Mission Current Acct		1,005 02
Industrial Building, Selma, Ala.		189 93
Indian Mission Industrial School		139 60
Mrs. M. A. Slater as memorial to her son, Renwick G.		340 01
Indian Mission Current Acct.		2,212 04
Jewish Mission Current Acct.		139 10
Memorial Building Rent Acct.		4,283 48
Theological Seminary Library Fund		1,149 40
Students' Fund Current Acct.		560 69
Aged Ministers' Fund Current Acct.		661 76
Fund for Widows and Children of Dec'd Ministers Current Acct		1,083 22
Sustentation Fund Current Acct.		4,108 64
Testimony Bearing Current Acct.		139 88
Geneva College Library Acct.		130 64

ASSETS.

Mortgage Account	$277,713 78	
D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Morgage Acct.	154,700 00	
Robert Aiken Property Acct.	483 44	
Real Estate (No. 4 Susquehanna St., Pittsburg)	2,409 86	
St. Johnsbury Vt., R. P. Church Property Acct.	8,041 32	
Real Estate (Grant Ave., Allegheny)		
Cost of property $18,759 16		
Less net amount of income 522 18	18,236 98	
Real Estate (10th and 12th Wards, Allegheny)	34,839 12	
Real Estate (Lyric St., Pittsburg)	4,703 91	
Real Estate (6718 Simen Ave., Pittsburg)		
Cost of Property $4,398 79		
Less net amount of income 39 41	4,359 38	
Real Estate (6720 Simen Ave., Pittsburg)	4,414 64	
Greensburg Church Property Acct.	195 00	
Estate of Jos. McNaugher Dec'd.	170 87	
Life Insurance Policy	1,840 00	
Real Estate Donation	895 52	
Real Estate Donation	25 00	
Real Estate Account (Name not to be given)	1 00	
Estate of John Gibson	132 00	
Jane Allsworth Bequest	55 57	
Real Estate Donation Rent Account	46 02	
Office Furniture Account	423 51	
Cash Account	5,758 55	
Southern Mission Building Fund	39 35	
Indian Mission Building Acct.	2 89	
Theological Seminary Current Acct	490 01	
Geneva College Current Acct.	2,617 22	
	$522,594 94	$522,594 94

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to audit the accounts of John T. Morton, Treasurer, would respectfully report that we have peformed the duty assigned us, having examined the accounts, bonds, mortgages and other securities, and cash in bank and on hand, and the business of the Board as set forth in this report to the Synod of 1904, and find same correct.

A. C. Coulter, William Blair, *Auditors.*

REPORT OF WALTER T. MILLER FOR THE FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

From March 20, 1903 to March 28, 1904.

Receipts.

From Congregations	$	9,883 33
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies		2,915 79
From Individuals and Bequests		1,396 08
From Transfer from Temporary Investment Account balance of special donor according to terms donation		280 00
From Dividend from David Gregg Endowment by Synod Trustees		2,623 95
From Dividend from Invested Funds by Synod Trustees		2,151 81
From Dividend J. R. McKee Memorial Fund		50 00
From Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Steele		6,571 96
From Young Women of Reformed Presbyterian Church		197 63
From Ministers of Reformed Presbyterian Church		111 43
From Elders of Reformed Presbyterian Church		40 94
From Young People of 2d New York Cong. for salary of their Missionary to Cyprus		400
Total Receipts	$	26,622 92

Expenditures.

For Salaries	$	8,095 34
For Mission Expenses, Latakia		4,007 68
For Mission Expenses, Tarsus		5,624 10
For Mission Expenses, Larnaca		243 25
For Mission Expenses, Cyprus		1,221 06
For Shipping Expenses		235 72
For Small Items		9 50
For Medical Supplies, Latakia		228 12
For Medical Supplies, Suadia		22 52
For Medical Supplies, Tarsus		20 00
For Special Contributions remitted to Sept. 19, 1903		482 60
For Special Contributions, Tarsus, to date, March 28, 1904		16 00
For Special Contributions, Cyprus, " " "		164 35
For Special Contributions, Suadia, " " "		65 12
For Special Contributions, Latakia, " " "		403 00
For Outfit, Rev. W. McCarroll and Wife		400 00
For Travelling Expenses:		
J. Boggs Dodds and Family, from Suadia to Sterling, Kansas, (remainder) $ 241 43		
Rev. W. McCarroll and family, from San Francisco to Cyprus 982 50		
Dr. Moore & Family & Miss McNaughton, from Larnaca to Kansas, (remainder) 370 85		
		1,594 78
Total Expenditures	$	22,833 14
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures		3,789 78
Deducting same from debit balance, Mar. 20, 1903		10,538 66
Leaves the debit balance at this date		6,748 88

REPORT OF SAME FOR SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND

Cr.

1903.			
May 2.	By Balance as reported to Synod	$	1,913 15

1904.			
Mar. 28.	By Contributions for general purposes of Hospital, from Congregations, Missionary Societies, Sabbath Schools, Individuals and Bequests.....		143 70
	By Contributions of Missionary Societies for support of beds.....		345 00
	By Contributions of Individuals for support of beds		185 00

Dr.

1903.			
Sept. 5.	To Cash paid Parke Davis & Co., Empty Bottles.....$	8 35	
Nov. 6.	To Cash paid for freight on goods from Liverpool to Latakia deemed a proper charge to this account.....	36 18	
1904.			
Jan. 12.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. & Co., for part of Sterling bill, say for £103 11.0 @482¼.....	500 00	
Mar. 28.	To Balance carried down.....	2,042 32	
		$ 2,586 85	$ 2,586 85

Cr.

1904.		
Mar. 28.	By Balance brought down	$ 2,042 32

REPORT OF SAME FOR TARSUS MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1903.		
May 2.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$ 371 77

Dr.

1904.			
Mar. 28.	To Balance carried down.....$	371 77	
		$ 371 77	$ 371 77

Cr.

Mar. 28.	By Balance brought down	$ 371 77

REPORT OF SAME FOR BUILDING FUND FOR LARNACA, CYPRUS.

Cr.

1903.		
May 15.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$ 50 00
Oct. 5.	By Balance in hands of Dr. W. M. Moore and received from him	4 00

Dr.

1904.			
Mar. 28.	To Balance carried down.....$	54 00	
		$ 54 00	$ 54 00

Cr.

Mar. 28.	By Balance carried down.....	$ 54 00

REPORT OF SAME FOR TEMPORARY INVESTMENT FUND.

Cr.

1903.			
May 2.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$ 13,537 03
1904.			
Mar. 28.	By Interest earned to date		542 00

Dr.

1904.			
Mar. 28.	To Transfer to current fund Foreign Missions, Balance of gift of donor of June 24, 1895, Principal } .....$	250 00	
	Interest }	30 00	
	To Balance carried down	13,799 03	
		$ 14,079 03	$ 14,079 03

Cr.

1904.		
Mar. 28.	By Balance brought down.....	$ 13,799 03

REPORT OF SAME FOR THE MISSION IN CHINA.

From March 24, 1903 to March 28, 1904.

The receipts have been :

From Congregations.....$	2,826 57
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....	894 99
From Individuals and Bequests	636 50
From Third Congregation, Philadelphia, on account salary of their Missionary Dr. J. L. Wright in advance to April 1, '04..	1,000 00
From Bequest, Mrs. Elizabeth Steele	3,000 00
From Colorado Ref. Pres. Presbytery, for salary of their Missionary, Dr. Kate McBurney, to Nov. 1, '03.....	250 00
From Chinese Sabbath School of Eighth St., Pittsburg Cong. ...	20 00
Total Receipt	$8,628 06

The Expenditures have been :

For Salaries.....$	5,156 80	
For Mission Expense	250 00	
For Shipping Expense.....	8 81	
For Outfit, Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney.....	320 00	
For Traveling Expenses, Drs. Jean and Kate McBurney, from Pittsburg to Hong Kong	490 00	
For Traveling Expenses to Rev A. I. Robb and family and Miss Torrence to U. S. and contingencies, till ascertained exactly.....	1,374 76	
Total Expenditures.....		$7,600 37
The excess of Receipts over Expenditures being..		$1,027 69
Adding same to Credit balance, March 24, 1902...		2,030 44
Leaves the Balance Credit at date		3,058 13

REPORT OF SAME FOR THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE MISSION IN CHINA.

Cr.

1903.			
May 15.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$ 4,067 25
1902.			
Oct. 4.	By Cash from Trustees of Synod by John T. Morton, Treas. : Bequest of C. H. Stormont, dec'd....		2,000 00
1903.			
Aug. 13.	By Cash Sabbath School of Slippery Rock Congregation		26 56
	By Cash Women's Missionary Society of Pittsburg Presbytery.....		8 35

Dr.

1903.			
June 22.	To Cash paid A. D. McNeill: Paid Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. bills for Hardware .....$	93 35	
	To Cash paid Brown Bros. & Co. for Sterling Bill, £142.16.0, say £102.19.6 @ 485½	500 00	
Aug. 24.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. & Co. for Sterling Bill, £103 8.3, @ 483½	500 00	
Nov. 9.	To Cash paid Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. bill goods and freight.....	54 23	
1904.			
Jan. 8.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. & Co. for Sterling Bill, £103.14.8 @ 4.82, forwarded to Rev. J. K. Robb, Tr.	500 00	
Mar. 28.	To Balance carried down.....	4,454 58	
		$ 6,102 16	$ 6,102 16

Cr.

1904.		
Mar. 28.	By balance brought down.....	$ 4,454 58

REPORT OF SAME FOR HOSPITAL IN CHINA CURRENT FUND.

Cr.

1903.		
May 15.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$ 57 26
Apr. 9.	By Cash W. M. S., Walton Cong.....	15 00
	By Cash W. M. S., East End Cong.....	10 00
June 3.	By Cash Rev. D. C. Mathews	5 00
June 8.	By Cash A member E. E. Congregation, Pittsburg	5 00
June 12.	By Cash Martin Bros., Blanchard, Ia.	5 00
	Mary Eleanor Martin, Blanchard, Iowa.....	1 50

Dr.

1903.			
June 22.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. & Co. for part Sterling Bill for £142.16 0, say £20.7.0 @ 485½.....$	98 76	
		$ 98 76	$ 98 76

REPORT OF SAME FOR ROBT. M'NEILL MEMORIAL CHAPEL, TAK HING CHAU, CHINA.

Cr.

1903.			
Sept. 23.	By Cash from Mrs. Martha McNeill...		$ 500 00
Nov. 20.	By Cash from Mrs. Martha McNeill...		500 00

Dr.

1904.			
Feb. 10.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. & Co., New York, for part of letter of credit No. 624, issued by them in favor of J. K. Robb or A. I. Robb, Tak Hing Chau, drafts by them or either of them to be paid in New York, in U. S. gold coin, proceeds of these drafts to be used according to will of donors, Mrs Martha McNeill	$ 1,000 00	
		$ 1,000 00	$ 1,000 00

REPORT OF SAME FOR FUND OF REV. D. J. SHAW OF NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA., IN MEMORIAM OF MRS. MARTHA J. SHAW

Cr.

1904.			
Feb. 11.	By Cash, Donation in memory of his wife, to be used in the erection of a building in some one of the Foreign fields.....		$ 1,200 00

Dr.

Mar. 28.	To Balance carried down..... .....$	1,200 00	
		$ 1,200 00	$ 1,200 00

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Mar. 28.	By balance brought down.....	$ 1,200 00

REPORT OF SAME FOR THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Cr.

1903.		
May 9.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$ 2,051 55
1904.		
Apr. 14.	By Contributions acknowledged as received and reported in Christian Nation:	
	From Congregations.....	$ 589 55
	From Individuals and Bequests.....	64 00
	From Sabbath Schools.....	12 72
	From Baltimore Congregation, return of Loan and appropriation of January 24, 1868, Congregation having lapsed or dissolved, through Synod's Board of Trustees, per John T. Morton, Treas.....	700 00
	From Synod's Board of Trustees, dividend from David Gregg Endowment Fund.....	537 95

Dr.

1904.			
Apr. 14.	To Balance carried down	$ 3,955 77	
		$ 3,955 77	$ 3,955 77

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1904.		
Apr. 14.	By Balance brought down	$ 3,955 77

The foregoing reports of Walter T. Miller audited and found correct by H. O'Neill and J. J. MacKeoun.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER LITERARY FUND.

Receipts.

Contributions from Individuals	$ 1 50	
Contributions from Congregations	485 88	
Sale Testimonies and Disciplines	25 45	
Sale of Psalters	281 10	
Sale of Psalm Selections	39 48	
Sale of Minutes of Synod	195 25	
Sale of Miscellaneous Books	1 06	
		$ 1,029 72

Expenditures.

Deficit of last year	$ 33 41	
Rent Safe Deposit Box	5 00	
Printing Minutes 1903 Synod	250 08	
Postage and Freight on Books	41 95	
Apportionment, Presbyterian Alliance 1903	60 00	
Apportionment, Joint Comm., Revision of Psalms	15 00	
Advertising	18 00	
Insurance on Plates and Books	27 41	
Printing Statistical Report	25 73	
Printing Minion Psalters, Old and New	333 00	
Balance	220 14	
		$ 1,029 72

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing account is condensed statement taken from the Book of the Treasurer, which we have examined for the year, May 1, 1903 to May 1, 1904, and found correct.

D. Chesnut,
A. C. Coulter,
Auditors.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 21, 1904.

NATIONAL REFORM, R. C. WYLIE, FINANCIAL AGENT.

Receipts.

May 1, '03.	Balance			$ 326 66
	Collected by H. H. George	$ 242 71		
	Collected by T. P. Stevenson	827 42		
	Collected by J. R. Dill	1,011 44		
	Collected by J. R. Millin	632 79		
	Collected by J. R. Wylie	193 65		
	Collected by J. S. Martin	110 00		
	Collected by T. H. Acheson	36 63		
	Collected by J. M. Foster	20 19		
	Collected by J. M. Wylie	8 05		
	Sent direct to Treasurer by Individuals, Societies and Congregations	3,992 01		7,074 89
				$7,401 55

Expenses.

Paid H. H. George salary and expenses to May 31, 1903, (including a balance on last year of $340 18)...$	515 18	
Paid T. P. Stevenson sal'y and expen's	1,070 75	
Paid J. R. Dill salary and expenses..	1,296 44	
Paid J. R. Millin sal'y and expen's.....	632 79	
Paid J. R. Wylie salary and expenses, including expenses of Oskaloosa Convention	323 65	
Paid T. H. Acheson sal'y and expen's	36 63	
Paid J. M. Foster expenses of Boston Convention	20 19	
Paid J. M. Wylie expenses of Fort Morgan Convention	8 05	
Paid R. C. Wylie salary and expenses	208 17	
Paid Mrs. M. A. Martin, salary.....	185 00	
Paid rent of office	152 50	
Paid rent of telephone	24 60	
Paid postage, expressage, etc.....	250 62	
Paid shelves for the office	11 30	
Paid expenses of Harrisburg Con.....	111 56	
Paid expenses of Beaver Falls Conference	9 00	
Paid bills for printing.....	2,005 59	
	$6,862 02	
Balance April 30, 1904	539 53	$7,401 55

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing is a condensed statement, taken from the itemized account of the books of the Treasurer, which we have examined, for the year May 1, 1903 to May 1, 1904, and is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. Chesnut,
A. C. Coulter.

Pittsburg, May 21, 1904.

REPORT OF THE TREASURERS OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

SUMMARY.

March 1, 1903 to September 1, 1903.

Cr.

1903.				
Mar. 1.	Balance		$	7,829 60
	Wardrobe Committee.....$	8 00		
	Gregory Property Account.....	46 23		
	Congregational Collections.....	166 90		
	Mrs. Daugherty Account.....	10 00		
	Managers' Contingent Fund.....	60 25		
	Interest on Bank Deposits.....	154 75		
	Interest on Mortgage.....	42 00		
	Membership Dues.....	86 00		
	Donations	75 25		
	Boarding	55 15		704 53
			$	8,534 13

Dr.

1903.				
Mar. 1.	Mrs. Eda S. McKee Room	$ 6 30		
	J. T. Morton, Treas., for Int	105 00		
	Current Account	84 78		
	House repair	13 89		
	Salaries	195 00		
	House expense	414 31		
	Managers' Contingent Fund	68 92		
		$ 888 20		
	Loan on bond and mortgage	2,000 00	$	2,888 20
Sept. 1.	Balance		$	5,645 93

Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Treasurer.

Audited and correct.

Mrs. Edith Hill Wiegering.
Mrs. M. L. Barr.

September 1, 1903 to March 1, 1904.

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1903.				
Sept. 1.	Balance		$	5,645 93
	Congregational Collections	$ 142 25		
	Membership Dues	114 00		
	Boarding	68 05		
	Managers' Contingent Fund	18 00		
	Admission Fees	600 00		
	Donations,			
	" Current Expense	465 45		
	" Home Enlargement	346 80		
	Memorial Interest Account	136 73		
	Mrs. S. B. Magee Account	200 00		
	Mrs. Rebecca Cameron Account	65 00		
	Mrs. Anna Daugherty	10 00		
	Miss McMillan's Purse	1 50		
	Gregory Property Account	175 00		2,342 78
			$	7,988 71

Dr.

	Commission on Gregory sale	$ 17 50		
	Interest on Mortgage and expense	16 25		
	Current expenses	244 28		
	Salaries	195 00		
	House expense	419 62		
	Managers' Contingent Fund	14 80		
	Funeral of Miss McMillan	48 85		
	J. T. Morton, Treas., for Mtg.	3,500 00		
	Interest to Miss Dryden	21 00		
	" " Miss Isaac	24 20		
	" " Mrs. Daugherty	80		
	" " Mrs. Cameron	22 40		
	" " Miss Simpson	6 00	$	4,530 70
1904.				
Mar. 1.	Balance		$	3,458 01

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes B. Orr, Treasurer.

To Women's Association Aged Peoples' Home:

We have audited the books and accounts of your Treasurer

from Sept. 1, 1903, to Mar. 1, 1904, and find the same correct, showing a balance in the treasury amounting to $3,532.41.

R. W. Wallace.
M. L. Barr.

Note:—

Balance Mar. 1, 1904, as per report of Auditing Committee...	$ 3,532 41
Interests paid Mar. 1, 1904, as per statement above.....	74 40
Balance as above.....	$ 3,458 01

Report of the Treasurer of the Jewish Mission Committee.

Dr.

June 19, '03.	To William G. Carson, former Treasurer, balance on hand.....			28 12
June 26, '03.	To John T. Morton, Treasurer.....			100 00
July 1, '03.	To Per Rev. M. Greenberg,			
	Rev. T. J. Allen.....	$ 3 00		
	Mrs. Zella Houston, Stirling, Kan.....	3 00		
	Miss Bella Houston, Stirling, Kan.....	2 00		
	E. Steel, Allegheny Cong.....	5 00		
	J. R. Sharp, to pay freight on box of clothing and dry goods, from Blanchard, Ia.....	5 00		
	Miss Frances M. Bell, Phila., Pa.....	1 00		
	L. M. S., Slippery Rock Congregation, per Mrs. M. E Latimer, Treas.....	12 00		
	Miss Sarah Ewing, Clarinda, Ia.....	4 00		
	A Friend of the Mission, per Miss Sarah Ewing, Clarinda, Ia.....	6 00		
	Y. P. A. of the S. W. Pres. Church, per H. A. Tron, Philadelphia	3 00		
	Rebate on cleaning Mission well.....	1 62		45 62
July 22, '03.	To John T. Morton, Treasurer			200 00
July 28, '03.	To Asher, per D. T. Reed, Pittsburg, Pa.....			18 00
July 29, '03.	To Mrs. A. J. McFarland, Beaver Falls, Pa.....			10 00
July 29, '03.	To Miss Mary F. McFarland, Beaver Falls, Pa.....			1 00
Aug. 25, '03.	To John T. Morton, Treas.....			200 00
Oct. 6, '03.	To John T. Morton, Treas.....			115 00
Oct. 6, '03.	To Mrs. R. A. Wilson. Los Angeles, Cal.....			5 00
Oct. 6, '03.	To Per Rev. M. Greenberg,			
	T. C. Matthews	$5 00		
	James Anderson.....	5 00		
	"Two Friends," Clarinda, Ia.....	5 00		15 00
Oct. 8, '03.	To Per Dr. J. C. McFeeters, Baltimore Congregation.....			165 00
Oct. 27, '03.	To John T. Morton, Treas.....			215 00
Dec. 1, '03.	To John T. Morton, Treas.....			200 00
Dec. 19, '03.	To John T. Morton, Treas.....			200 00
Dec. 23, '03.	To the late Dr. Truby, Beaver Falls, Pa.....			2 00
Dec. 31, '03.	To Per Rev. M. Greenberg,			
	Brookland prayermeeting.....	$ 5 00		
	L. M. S. Denver Congregation.....	4 25		
	Dr. H. H George.....	5 00		
	Isaac Cochrane, Newburg, N. Y.....	5 00		
	Mr. McLeod, 2d R. P. Church.....	1 00		
	David Love, Ainsworth, Ia.....	2 00		
	Women's Board, 1st Congregation, Newburg, N. Y.....	26 00		

		Freight, refunded on 2 boxes, sent by L. M. S., Allegheny Cong.....	1 56	
		Miss S. J. Hillon, Newburg, N. Y.....	5 00	
		Freight refunded on goods sent by L. M. S., Oakdale, Ill., Cong.....	1 75	
		Rev. T. J. Allen.....	5 00	
		Miss F. M. Bell, Philadelphia, Pa.....	50	
		Miss Sarah Ewing, Clarinda, Ia.....	5 00	67 06
Dec. 31, '03.		To salary refunded by Miss Evangeline Metheny....		10 00
Jan. 18, '04.		To Per Dr. J. C. McFeeters, Mrs. Sarah Hunt, Baltimore Cong.....		100 00
Jan. 28, '04.		To John T. Morton, Treas.....		200 00
Feb. 9, '04.		To Per Dr. R. J. George, Mrs. M. M. Gregg, Allegheny, Pa...	$50 00	
		For Hebrew Messenger, Mrs. M. M. Gregg, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00	
		Dr. R. J. George, Allegheny, Pa...	50	51 50
Feb. 26, '04.		To John T. Morton, Treas.....		200 00
Mar. 29, '04.		To John T. Morton, Treas.....		200 00
Apr. 22, '04.		To John T. Morton, Treas.....		125 00
		Total.....		$2,193 30

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July 2, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for June...	$	84 06
July 3, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for July		65 00
July 15, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Organ for school.....		25 00
July 28, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Plumber's bill.....		59 60
July 31, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for July...		64 83
July 31, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for August.....		65 00
Aug. 1, '03.	By Miss Evangeline Metheny, salary for July.....		51 66
Aug. 26, '03.	By Miss Evangeline Metheny, salary for Aug. and Sept.		83 32
Aug. 29, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for Aug...		46 59
Sept. 4, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for September.....		65 00
Oct. 6, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for Sept...		42 46
Oct. 6, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for October.....		65 00
Oct. 6, '03.	By Miss Evangeline Metheny, Salary for October.....		41 66
Nov. 2, '03.	By Miss Evangeline Metheny, Salary for Nov.		41 66
Nov. 2, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for November.....		65 00
Nov. 4, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for Oct....		56 39
Dec. 1, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for December.....		65 00
Dec. 1, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for Nov....		46 80
Dec. 18, '03.	By Water Rent, 1903		13 80
Dec. 30, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for Dec....		101 80
Dec. 30, '03.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for January, 1904.....		65 00
Feb. 1, '04.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for Jan....		118 12
Feb. 1, '04.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for February.....		65 00
Feb. 9, '04.	By Dr. J. C. McFeeters, Subscriptions for H. Messenger: Mrs. M. M. Gregg, Allegheny, Pa $1 00		
	Dr. R. J. George, Allegheny, Pa..... 50		1 50
Mar. 1, '04.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Mission expenses for Feb....		85 10
Mar. 1, '04.	By Rev. M. Greenberg, Salary for March		65 00
Mar. 15, '04.	By Balance carried forward.....		653 95
	Total.....		$2,193 30

S. A. Sterrett Metheny, Treasurer,
617 North Forty-Third St., Phila., Pa.

Audited aud found correct.
Wm. Steele.
Wm. G. Carson.

Report of the Board of Control.

The reports of our Board have heretofore been presented by the Rev. Dr. T. P. Robb, who has been its efficient secretary from its organization. God in His adorable providence called him, February 17, 1904, as we believe, to higher service. We shall miss him in our meetings. He was a faithful member of our Board; his judgment was good; his spirit was excellent. His part must now be taken up by other hands. Another should be chosen to fill out his unexpired term.

The annual meeting for the distribution of the funds, at the disposal of the Board, was held at the stated time—the second Tuesday of November—at which all applications for aid from the beneficiaries of the church were considered and appropriations were made according to the urgency of each case and the means at our disposal. We were specially limited in the case of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. In only two cases in which, as presented to us, the urgency seemed very great, were we able to appropriate as much as $250. The number of applications for aid from this fund almost equals the number of applications from aged ministers and students together, and the endowment is not half as large as that for aged ministers and only one-third of the students' endowment fund, hence the need of increased contributions from the church. We ask an appropriation of $2,500 to the Widows' and Orphans' fund; for Aged Ministers' fund, $1,500; for Students' fund, $1,000.

The time for which C. D. Trumbull and S. E. McElhinney have been chosen as members of the Board expires with this meeting. Their successors should be chosen.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull, Chairman.

The Clerk of the Synod cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for John T. Morton, Samuel McNaugher and James A. McAteer as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years ending June 15, 1907.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Traveling Fund.

The Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report:

We have received from quotas of congregations, $2,787.00, and from the Oakland Chinese Mission, $12.00; total, $2,799.00.

The expenses of delegates to Synod are $3,150.29; the total deficit is $351.29. The deficit per delegate is $2.15. We append the following table:

PRESBYTERIES.	Quota.	Expense.	Delegates.	Deficit.	Due to Presbytery.	Due from Presbytery.
Colorado	$ 85.20	$ 171.00	5	$ 10 75	$ 75 05	.....
Illinois	234.60	118.75	18	38.70	.....	$ 154 55
Iowa	244.80	184.13	14	30.10	.....	90.77
Kansas	455 10	482.23	30	64.50	.....	37.37
Lakes	184.20	197.23	13	27.95	.....	14 92
N. B. & N. S.	41.70	99.42	2	4.30	53.42	.....
New York	491.40	564.10	19	40.85	31 85	.....
Ohio	84.00	50.39	3	6.45	.....	40.06
Philadelphia	174.00	140.80	5	10.75	....	43.95
Pittsburg	656.10	905.90	46	98 90	150.90	.....
Rochester	96.60	206.53	8	17.20	92.73	.....
Vermont	39.30	29 81	1	2 15	.....	11 64
Oakland M	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Totals	$2,799.00	$3,150.29	164	$ 352.60	$ 403.95	$ 405 26

Balance in Synod's treasury, $1.31.

Your Committee recommend that the Committee on Railroad Rates publish in the Church periodicals, previous to each meeting of Synod, the conditions on which delegates may participate in the Traveling Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Hargrave,
G. M. Robb,
John C. Slater,
Samuel McNaugher,
D. C. Faris,
Thos. McFall,
R. J. Gault,
J. A. Black,
D. C. Mathews,
R. C. Montgomery,
P. J. McDonald,
J. S. McGaw.

A resolution of thanks to the pastors and brethren of this and adjacent congregations, to the reporters, to the Mobile and Ohio railroad and to all who have helped to make our meeting pleasant and profitable, was heartily adopted by the Synod.

The Committees appointed to write to ministers who are suffering with illness reported the duty attended to.

The special Committee on the communication from the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of Reformed Churches reported. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Alliance of Reformed Churches.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches reports that this Synod has heard this communication with greater satisfaction than at any former time. In the timely and most valuable action on urgent public questions which has been taken by this Commission during the past year, we recognize with gratitude the indubitable evidence of progress on the part of the churches represented in this Alliance on subjects which are vitally related to the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ on the earth. We rejoice to have this testimony, although we cannot approve of all the statements of the Commission concerning the difficult problem of the relation of our government to morals and religion in its work of education in the Philippines, nor of action by the Alliance or its Commission which in any way substitutes a voluntary organization, or subordinate portions of the churches, for the Churches of Christ themselves, in proposing and promoting their more or less complete organic unity:

We recommend:

1. That we adopt the resolutions which the Commission has asked us to adopt on the subject of the Bible in the public schools, as follows:

"A. We recommend that this Synod expresses its sincere gratification that so much stress is laid upon sound moral training by our School System, and that the Bible is so largely read in the Public Schools of this country; and that it also expresses the earnest hope that this desirable condition may continue through all the days to come.

"B. We recommend that this Synod expresses its regret that confusion should have been introduced into the practice regarding the use of the Bible in our Public Schools, by reason of the inconsistent decisions by the courts and the varying interpretations given by school authorities in different places of practically the same constitutional and statutory provisions, and that the Church advises its officers and people that they should seek to exert a prudent Christian influence upon public sentiment in their respective localities upon this subject.

"C. We recommend that this Church declares that moral instruction and ethical training are necessary for good citizenship, and should have a place in our Public School System, and that this is possible without inculcating any denominational tenets; and further, that the Bible is the very best instrument to impart this moral instruction and training, in connection with our Public Schools."

2. That we, in common with the churches represented in the Alliance, are deeply impressed with the greatness of the work of Home Missions and the richness of God's blessing upon it, and that we unite in thanksgiving for increasing harmony among the churches for the increasing spirit of missions, and for the success which has been vouchsafed to them.

3. That we cordially unite in the appointment of the second

Sabbath of September as a day of special prayer for public and private schools.

4. That we adopt the resolution recommended by the Commission on the subject of Divorce, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That in recognition of the comity which should exist between Christian Churches, it is desirable, and would tend to increase a spirit of Christian unity, for each Church represented in the Conference to advise its ministers to refuse to unite in marriage any person or persons whose marriage, such ministers have good reason to believe, is forbidden by the laws of the Church in which either party seeking to be married holds membership."

T. P. Stevenson,
C. D. Trumbull,
R. D. Scott.

The Synod adjourned with prayer by J. C. McFeeters, singing the 133 Psalm, and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, New Castle, Pa., on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1905, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

T. C. Sproull, Moderator.
W. J. Coleman, Clerk.

APPENDIX

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, from May 1, 1903, to May 1, 1904.

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectfully beg leave to submit their Annual Report, and to herewith transmit the report of their Treasurer of the financial affairs of the Board for the year ending May 1st, 1904.

The reorganization of the Board for the year ending May 15th, 1904, was attended to as usual at the first meeting after the close of the meeting of Synod of 1903 by the election of A. C. Coulter, as President; Samuel McNaugher, Vice President; D. Chesnut, Secretary, and John T. Morton, Treasurer.

The meetings of the Board, on the whole, have been well-attended, and the meetings of the Investment Committee, which are of much more frequent occurrence than that of the Board, and through which necessarily most of the business has to be passed upon, between meetings of the full Board, have had equally prompt and regular attention throughout the year.

As to such matters as you took action upon at last Synod, and in which this Board have an interest, as well as such items as were referred to us with special instructions, we will first make mention of.

First: THAT AS TO THE VACANCIES IN THE BOARD. the persons chosen by you as members thereof for three years ending June 15th, 1906, viz: John A. Dodds, William Blair and Robert J. Ward, were informed of your action, and in agreement therewith will continue to serve in the positions to which they were called.

Second: AS TO THE TREASURER: That in reply to your action in this matter as contained in the report of the Finance Committee in printed Minutes of Synod, Section 1, Item 5, Page 86, we report that the Treasurer continues to fill the official position to which you refer, furnishing the obligation which you urge to be "necessary to the Treasurvship."

Third: AS TO THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION: In reference to your decision relating to this Association, per report of your Finance Committee, appearing upon page 87 of printed minutes 1903, we report that the indebtedness of the Association secured by mortgage upon the

Home Property, and their current account with this Board, have been settled agreeably to your action. Since the said settlement the Association have informed us of certain repairs to and of an enlargement of the Home premises decided by them to be necessary for the increased demands made upon the institution for additional room. As to this item, we respectfully report that it is a pleasure for us to co-operate with the ladies of the Home in all cases where we can in harmony with Synod's interest do so, and therefore at their request we have entered into a financial obligation with the contractor for the work proposed, whereby we guarantee that the Woman's Association will carry out the provisions they have entered into with the contractor for the improvements contemplated upon the Home premises.

Fourth: AS TO THE MRS. ELIZABETH STEELE BEQUEST: That your action as to the division of the nine thousand, five hundred sixty-one dollars and ninety-six cents ($9,561.96) from this bequest was carried out, and in addition thereto, having subsequent to the meeting of last Synod received an additional sum of ten dollars from this estate, this added amount was therefore included in that portion of this gift that you appropriated to the Syrian Mission, thus making our remittance for account of the Syrian Mission six thousand, five hundred seventy-one dollars and ninety-six cents ($6,571.96) instead of six thousand, five hundred and sixty-one dollars and ninety-six cents ($6,561.96).

Fifth: AS TO THE C. H. STORMONT BEQUEST: That the balance of eleven hundred and forty-five dollars and two cents ($1,145.02) to the credit of the C. H. Stormont Bequest, as shown by the Treasurer's report to you of May 1st, 1903, page 99, Printed Minutes, was applied to the credit of the Domestic Mission Current Account on June 17, 1903, thus carrying out your instructions of the year 1902, Printed Minutes, page 89. This action, with previous payments as ordered to other Missions now entirely completes the distribution of the bequest, amounting in the aggregate to a little over five thousand ($5,000) dollars.

We report the following bequests and gifts, viz:

Sixth: THE MRS. SARAH M'LANE BEQUEST: We report as having received from the estate of Mrs. Sarah McLane, through Mr. J. C. Morrison, Treasurer of Barnet Congregation, for the Southern Mission, the sum of eleven dollars ($11.00). We recommend that this sum be credited to the current account of said Mission.

Seventh: THE CATHARINE J. GAMBLE BEQUEST: We report as having received from the estate of Catharine J. Gamble, per Mrs. Haddie Faris, Treasurer Ladies' Missionary Society of Bloomington Congregation, the sum of twenty ($20) dollars, to be applied as follows, viz:

For Southern Mission. $10.00
For Indian Mission. 10.00

Total. $20.00

We recommend that these gifts be credited to the current accounts of the Missions named.

Eighth: THE JAMES W. THURSBY BEQUEST: We report the receipt of thirty dollars and twelve cents ($30.12) from the estate of James W. Thursby, of Allegheny Congregation, to be divided as follows, viz:

For Indian Mission. $15.06
For Foreign Mission. 15.06

Total. $30.12

We recommend that the foregoing accounts be closed by crediting the respective amounts named to current account of the Missions named.

Ninth: THE MRS. REBECCA JANE BURNESON BEQUEST: We report as having received since the last meeting of Synod from the estate of Rebecca Jane Burneson the sum of thirty-five dollars ($35.00). This sum is a third installment of a one hundred and seventy-five dollar bequest. and as this bequest comes to us in small annual payments, we report that we have disbursed the amount stated to the current accounts of the Theological Seminary, Geneva College, Indian Mission and Foreign Missions in the belief founded on your former action as to this bequest that this is the disposition you intended should be made of the remainder of this fund.

Tenth: THE MRS. MARY H. SLOANE BEQUEST: We report as having received from the Estate of Mrs. Mary H. Sloane, Syracuse, N. Y., the sum of One Hundred Dollars, less two dollars and fifty cents necessary exepenses required to obtain the said gift, making a net receipt of Ninety-seven Dollars and fifty cents ($97.50). This sum by direction of the decedent is for the Theological Seminary, and in agreement with your action as to gifts of similar amount and disposition thereof, we recommend that this sum be credited to the Seminary Endowment Account.

ELEVENTH: THE JOHN AND ELIZA JANE COULTER BEQUEST: We report having received by way of a compromise from this claim, per John D. Core, John M. Carter, and James H. Smith, Receivers, the sum of Five Hundred and forty Dollars ($540.00) which. less necessary expenses connected with this bequest, leaves Five Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars andfifty cents ($536.50). This sum in agreement with terms of the bequest is to be divided equally among the following schemes, viz:

For the Theological Seminary, net $178 84
For the Foreign Missions, net 178 83
For the Home Missions, net 178 83

Total $536 50

We ask the Synod to direct whether the amount named shall be used for current expenses or Endowment Account, reminding you, however, that as the Seminary Endowment is far short of the original amount intended for that purpose, it has therefore been usual to place such gifts as this one in the Endowment Account, relying upon the ordinary annual receipts and income from invested funds for the current expenses.

Twelfth: THE DAVID J. KIRKPATRICK BEQUEST: We report that after deducting fifteen dollars and fifty cents ($15.50) connected with the gift to Chicago Congregation, we have received the net sum of ten hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-one cents ($1,090.71) as coming to us from the estate of David J. Kirkpatrick, deceased, through the Rev. T. P. Robb, deceased, who by will of the decedent was authorized to determine what should be the distribution of said sum, and which distribution was attended to during the lifetime of Rev. T. P. Robb, D. D., being as follows, viz:

To the Geneva College Endowment Fund . . . $1,000 00
To the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chicago for Building Fund 90 71

Total $1,090 71

which sums we have disposed of according to the instructions governing the receipt of this gift.

Thirteenth: THE MRS. MARY ANN HENRY ENDOWMENT BEQUEST: We report as having received from the estate of Mrs. Mary Ann Henry, late of Brooklyn Congregation, N. Y., per James H. Culbert, Executor, through Wm. G. McCrea, Attorney, and John W. Pritchard, upon a bequest of three thousand dollars ($3,000), less a succession tax deducted therefrom, the sum of twenty-eight hundred and seventy dollars and forty cents ($2,870.40), from which amount, after deducting one dollar and sixty cents ($1.60) additional expenses connected with the receipt of this gift, leaves the net sum of two thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars and eighty cents ($2,868.80).

The conditions upon which this gift comes to your Board, as recited in the fourth item of the will of the decedent, are in these words, viz: "I do hereby give and bequeath unto the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America the sum of $3,000, in trust, to keep same invested, and to pay the interest arising therefrom annually to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, of which I am a member, so long as said church shall

remain a member of said general body and continue to observe the requirements thereof, and on its ceasing so to do, then I give and bequeath said sum to said general body."

Fourteenth: THE BALTIMORE CONGREGATION. The Baltimore Congregation had been in correspondence for some time past with your Board relative to the vesting of their real estate in the name of your Board of Trustees, but upon more mature deliberation the Congregation, wisely, as we believe, finally concluded it best to attend to the division and disposition of their financial and property interests to a considerable degree apart from the Board and the Synod, and accordingly to the extent of three thousand five hundred and twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents ($3,526.25) directed by resolution of the Congregation that the sum stated to be used for the following purposes, viz:

For the Board of Church Erection..		$ 700 00
For the Philadelphia Presbytery ..	340 00	
For the Philadelphia Presbytery, for the Jewish Mission under their care..	160 00—	500 00
For the Philadelphia Presbytery ..		26 25
For the Covenanter Church in Chicago, Ill..	325 00	
For the Covenanter Church in Topeka, Kas..	325 00	
For the Covenanter Church in Denver, Colo..	325 00	
For the Indian Mission, Fort Sill..	325 00—	1,300 00
For the Topeka Congregation for a non-interest bearing mortgage ..		1,000 00
Total..		$3,526 25

The full amount of this gift was eventually sent to your Board to be by us, as agents of the Congregation, distributed without recourse, except to place the same according to orders given among the parties and interests named, agreeably to the resolution of the Congregation hereinbefore referred to. This matter we report has all been attended to by your Board, according to directions of the Congregation.

Fifteenth: THE CLYDE FUND AND PROPERTY: In reference to this fund, we would say that the account of this fund showed a credit balance on January 22, 1904, of twelve hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety-three cents ($1,284.93), and as there was an application at that date by Mrs. Clyde for a small portion of the fund, the request was complied with by remitting to her eighty-four dollars and ninety-three cents ($84.93), thus leaving the balance or principal sum an even sum of twelve hun-

dred dollars ($1,200), which sum remains on interest for "the benefit of the family."

As to the real estate, it has been paid for in full and deed therefor held by your Board of Trustees. The purpose is to make the deed promptly after the present meeting of Synod. The Synod did not go into details as to this matter, but simply said that the Board of Trustees of Synod "shall secure to Mr. Clyde's family the property, under provisions similar to those made in the case of the family of the late Dr. R. J. Dodds."

As this will be the last opportunity of Synod to review and in any manner change its instructions prior to making the deed, and as few persons, if any, at the time Synod considered the matter had more than a general recollection of the exact terms upon which the Dodds property was conveyed, more than thirty years ago, we will therefore reproduce hereinafter for your information and for our future reference the resolution under which the Dr. Dodds property was deeded. In the absence of further instructions, it will be understood by the Board and our attorney that the spirit and intent of the resolution rather than a literal following of the Dodds property resolution will form the basis for the deed to be executed, subject to changes in name, number of children, the omission of the reference to the Foreign Mission Board and to Rev. S. O. Wylie, deceased, and to the substitution therefor of the corporate name of the Trustees of Synod, and to any other changes, if any, in the judgment of our attorney shall be required to properly convey the property in spirit, as intended, or to conform to any statutes governing the transaction contemplated. The resolution is as follows, viz:

"RESOLVED: That in the opinion of the Board the purchase of real estate to be made for the wife and children of the Rev. Robert J. Dodds, D. D., be conveyed to said widow, Letitia M. Dodds, in fee in trust for the use and occupation of herself and said children, seven in number, for and during her life for a home for her and such children as shall remain in family with her; and at her decease in trust to, as to one equal seventh part thereof, to and for the said respective children, his or her heirs and assigns; provided, that no such child shall sell or dispose of his or her share, or encumber the same during the life of his or her mother; and provided, that no child of lawful age who shall not live in harmony with his or her mother shall be entitled to live in said family against her consent; and upon the further trust to sell and dispose of said premises in fee simple discharged of any trust whenever and during her life only when the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, held in Philadelphia, of which Rev. Samuel O. Wylie is chairman, who caused said purchase money to be raised for said widow and family, shall by minute duly certified consent thereto."

Sixteenth: THE GREENSBURG CHURCH PROPERTY: In reference to the alleged claim upon this property by John R. Cannon, Esq., in connection with Miss Martha Cannon, we report that the Board continues in readiness to hear Mr. John R. Cannon or anyone else having any facts that can be produced and verified as to a claim upon this property, and to give the same careful and "generous treatment."

We further report that during the Synodical year now closed the person or persons named have again, as during the preceding year, failed to make their appearance, confer with or verify their alleged claim as agreed upon with us and fully recited in our annual report to Synod of 1903, Printed Minutes, pages 161 and 162, which report and recommendation, together with that of your Finance Committee, adopted by you in 1902, Printed Minutes, Item X., page 88, are hereby made a part of this report, and to which you are therefore respectfully referred.

We have thus called your attention to this subject because of an apparent desire to obtain by direct vote, legislation, and orders of Synod that which has not first had an affirmative recommendation, or at least a final report of the Board to whom you have confided the investigation, evidence and merits of this claim. In connection with this subject, we report that after the present report was partly written we received a letter dated Chicago, April 25, 1904, but postmarked Wyman, Iowa, May 5, 1904, and Pittsburg, May 7, 1904, stating that a petition will be presented to Synod at its present meeting in Sparta, Ill., by the claimant hereinbefore named for a deed to this property. As the Synod has already acted on a similar petition from the same party or parties in interest, providing for the present petitioner a remedy in way of a hearing upon the merits of her or their claim, which the petitioner has ignored, and as it is believed by your Board that all that can be said in the petition referred to can be more than offset by facts omitted therefrom favorable beyond a reasonable doubt to the Church or Synod's claim upon this property, we therefore submit that this matter cannot be intelligently or justly settled on the floor of Synod without first allowing the alleged claim to go through the regular channel of the Synod for thorough investigation as already by you directed, subject of course to appeal, after the claimant has first submitted to us evidence as to the claim in question and after a decision has been reached either by your Board or by law.

Seventeenth: THE DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT. We report that this fund, coming from one who for years was very closely identified with the work of this Board, has earned sufficient income during the year past to declare a dividend thereon of eight thousand and sixty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents ($8,069.25), and in addition thereto leaving a balance of forty-five dollars ($45.00) to be included in the profits of the year

to come. This investment, it will be noticed, continues to earn a very much larger profit for division among the missions and other schemes of the Church than it did prior to our sale of the property and its reinvestment in mortgages. This will more clearly appear by reference to our report, Item XI., page 148, for the year 1902. The income referred to for the year closed, we report, has been distributed as directed by terms of gift to Foreign and Domestic Missions, to Central Allegheny Congregation and to other schemes of the Church.

Eighteenth: THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: The Seminary is admitted to be doing excellent work. The highest authority we have has said so more than once, Synod itself having said so in its published reports. Its Professors are men of learning and ability, as well as of tact in presenting truth coming to them from years of experience in their profession. Its Board of Superintendents, who exercise control and supervisory powers, are men who, like the Professors, were chosen by Synod as persons gifted with qualifications specially suited to the work Synod has assigned them. We have, therefore, a right to believe that the Sons of the Prophets will not only be well instructed in the general evangelical doctrines of our religion, but that in the very important matter of our distinctive principles they will receive a training that from the very nature of things they would not and cannot expect to obtain in other denominational institutions. The perpetuity, then, of such an institution thus seems to be at least an essential to the proper education of a ministry who will stand with unflinching fidelity in the day of trial to the covenanted principles of our profession, and thus appeals for full and generous financial support to all who value the legacy of a covenant-bound ancestry. To those who rightfully pray and labor for, and who so generously yield unstinted financial support to the various missionary efforts of the Church, the vital connection between this institution and their cherished work appeals most strongly. They need only to be reminded that it is from the Theological Seminary we get the men without whom the gospel could not be carried by an educated ministry to the black men of the South, the red men of the West, and the yellow men on the Pacific coast, nor to the missions on foreign shores, so dear to the hearts of our people.

This much we have said to impress the importance of the Seminary in the maintenance of our principles, and as to its being the source of our supply for missionary laborers at home and abroad, so as to secure an increased financial support for the coming year.

We do not ask the Synod for an increased appropriation from that of last year, but that congregations shall in all cases consider the present condition of the Treasury and conform their gifts according to Synod's appropriation. The condition of the Seminary

funds may be in part stated by saying that the receipts last year, omitting interest on investments as usual, were but six hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents ($632.25). To this sum adding the interest obtained upon funds held as a partial endowment for the Seminary, we come before you with an overdrawn Treasury for the first time in late years of four hundred and ninety dollars and one cent ($490.01), as compared two or three years ago with a balance on hand of $600.88, making a difference in the condition of the fund as compared with that date of $1,090.89. It is desirable that this sum be made up at as early a date as possible.

We recommend in agreement with what we have just stated that the appropriation to the Theological Seminary current expenses be the same as last year, viz: Fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500).

Nineteenth: THE INVESTED FUNDS. The total amount of bonds, mortgages, real estate and other investments, including cash on hand, held by your Board at the close of the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1904, as shown by the Treasurer's report is five hundred and twenty-two thousand, five hundred and ninety-four dollars and ninety-four cents ($522,594.94). This sum for the most part continues to be invested as usual in mortgages and real estate, thus making first class security. The earnings for the year have been credited to the respective institutions, missions, etc., entitled to the same, as fully set forth in the Treasurer's report, to which you are referred for further information in any special case required.

Twentieth: THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY LIBRARY FUNDS. We ask that Synod, as usual, direct that a collection be taken up for the use of the Geneva College and the Theological Seminary Library Funds to amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00), and that the amount received in response to such call shall be equally divided between the two institutions named.

Twenty-first: THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. We report that the term for which Messrs. John T. Morton, Samuel McNaugher and James A. McAteer were chosen members of this Board will end June 15, 1904. We, therefore, ask Synod at its present meeting to elect by ballot, as required by law, three persons to serve as trustees for three years ending June 15, 1907.

Twenty-second: THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS AUDITED. We report that in agreement with the rule governing the Board in this matter, Messrs. A. C. Coulter and Wm. Blair were appointed to audit the books of the Board in connection with the annual report of the Treasurer to Synod for the year ending May 1st, 1904, and that the same was found to be correct, per the Auditors' certificate, to be found attached to said report.

Twenty-third: DELEGATE TO SYNOD: We report, in agreement with authority of Synod vested in the Board, that on the present occasion we have chosen Mr. John T. Morton (with Robert J. Ward as his alternate) to represent the Board at Synod in any matters that it may be desirable for the Board to be heard from.

Twenty-fourth: In conclusion, we summarize the principal items for ready reference and that consideration thereof be not overlooked:

I. Approval of the distribution made of the additional ten dollars received from the Steele Bequest. See Item 4th.

II. To direct to what account the Sarah McLane bequest shall be credited. See Item 6th.

III. What disposition shall be made of the Gamble bequest. See Item 7th.

IV. The use to be made of the James W. Thursby bequest. See Item 8th.

V. The approval of the use made of the Burneson bequest. See Item 9th.

VI. To direct the disposition to be made of the Sloane bequest. See Item 10th.

VII. The use to be made of the Coulter bequest. See Item 11th.

VIII. Further consideration as to the Clyde fund and property, if deemed necessary. See Item 15th.

IX. That should the Greensburg church property matter come before Synod upon petition or otherwise for discussion, that Item 16th of this report be again read to Synod, and that the Rev. A. Kilpatrick, D. D., be heard as to further facts in this case.

X. That an appropriation be made of $1,500.00 for Theological Seminary expense. See Item 18th.

XI. That a collection be taken up for the College and Seminary Library Funds. See Item 20th.

XII. That three trustees be elected by ballot. See Item 21st.

Respectfully submitted, by order of and as the unanimous report of the Board.

D. CHESNUT,
Secretary.

Pittsburg, May, 1904.

Report of Committee on the Distribution of Sustentation and Home Mission Funds.

The committee to which was referred the question of the distribution of Domestic and Sustentation Funds would respectfully report:

That they have put forth considerable effort to solve problems which arise in consideration of matters assigned. A glance at statistical tables shows that by far the larger part of our ministers are living on very small salaries. Bulletins issued by the Bureau of Labor, Washington, giving statistics gathered from thirty-three States, show the average income of workingmen to be $827.18. Probably nearly one-half of our ministers fall below, some nearly 50 per cent. below, that remuneration. And yet the minister has many expenses which the workingmen have not. Though living has increased in cost during the last year nearly 20 per cent., the tendency is to further reduce the minister's salary, so that in not a few cases he is on the verge of want. That under the circumstances young men hesitate to enter the ministry is not remarkable. Men will hire mechanics at $4 and $5 per day to build a barn for their stock; and will be one in a congregation to pay their pastor the munificent sum of $1.65 per day to preach to them the gospel of the Son of God.

Furthermore, there are congregations which, perhaps thoughtlessly, unjustly discriminate against their pastors. One congregation, and others are not altogether unlike it, paid its pastor four hundred and fifty dollars, and he was with them all the year round; while that same congregation gave a minister soliciting aid to build a church, an hundred and sixteen dollars. This is not exactly a misappropriation of funds; it is misguided judgment and unjust dealing with their pastor. But it is seen in not a few congregations.

As you look at "totals" of monies raised by many congregations, some that are helped by Synod, and some that are not, the conclusion can hardly be resisted that, in many people, "the sense of proportion" is largely, if not wholly undeveloped. They have money for schemes—some of them; for people who "beg" for certain causes; but not, in the same proportion, for the support of their own pastors. For this, they lean on the Church's treasury, or allow their pastor to suffer.

To be more specific, your Committee understand that the business of the Board of Domestic Missions, as originally constituted, is to reach out, open up, and develop new fields, and to foster the nucleus until it becomes a congregation. Once organized, they have representation in Church courts to look out for their own interests.

The work of the Board of Sustentation is to help weak con-

gregations to secure regular administration of ordinances; or, in another point of view, to assist in sustaining ministers in places where they can get only a partial support. This Board is to stimulate congregations to become self-supporting; though, as a matter of record, a congregation, once it receives help, rarely again becomes self-sustaining.

If the scope of the work thus outlined for said Boards be accepted, it would seem to be outside the original purpose of the Board of Domestic Missions to help congregations with pastors, excepting, possibly, at the settlement of a pastor, for a brief period, and on "a sliding scale." But presently said Board began to supplement. Later, the Mission Conference was called into being and took the place of Central Board in recommending to Synod such supplements as are, in its wisdom, deemed to be right. All kinds of congregations, old and young, settled and unsettled, apply for aid through this Mission Conference, until the number has reached more than one-fourth of all the congregations in the denomination; and adding those aided through Sustentation, more than one-third of all our congregations receive help toward sustaining the ordinances.

Since the scope of Domestic Mission work, and the use of Domestic Mission Funds, have been thus enlarged, said Board finds itself operating in the same field with the Sustentation Board. Of the forty odd congregations thus helped, perhaps the larger proportion could as well be under Sustentation as Domestic Missions; or, Domestic Missions as Sustentation. Each congregation appears to elect to which fund it will apply; and is probably guided by real, or supposed, advantages in one or in the other. Denver, an old congregation, is under Domestic Missions and Syracuse, an old congregation, is under Sustentation. New Concord, an old congregation, is under Domestic Missions; while Slippery Rock, an old congregation, is under Sustentation. McKeesport, an old congregation, is under Domestic Missions; while Rehoboth, Iowa, an old congregation, is under Sustentation.

There does not appear to be a rule classifying congregations. Also, congregations, at times, change from one fund to the other.

Congregations which, through the Mission Conference, draw from Domestic Mission Funds, receive, theoretically, their appropriation "in full" and in quarterly installments. Those which draw from Sustentation Funds receive their money after the year's work has been reported to, and passed upon by, Synod. Why should the work of those who draw from Sustentation be passed upon by Synod; and the work of those who draw from Domestic Mission Funds, be without such supervision by Synod? Also, those drawing from Sustentation, are liable to a per cent. of deficit, according to the state of the treasury; while those drawing

from Domestic Mission Funds are paid in full. This is unjust discrimination.

If the Church were to return to the original purpose of the Board of Domestic Missions, its work would be the opening up, and the cultivation of new fields; fostering the work until a congregation is organized with representation in church courts. This original plan would relieve said Board, or which is practically its representative—the Mission Conference, of the work of recommending supplements; but it might, with advantage, retain the work of assisting unsettled congregations.

If the Board of Sustentation was given the work originally intended, said Board would be the agency through which congregations, with settled pastors, would receive assistance.

There are two difficulties, but which could probably be overcome:—First: It would appear to be more satisfactory for supplements to be paid quarterly, which Sustentation has not heretofore been doing. This feature could probably be made operative under sustentation. Second: A large proportion of money now going into Domestic Mission Treasury would, with the increased demand, go into Sustentation treasury. Domestic Mission treasury would need funds; but it would be relieved of supplements now going to more than twenty-five congregations. Sustentation would need a correspondingly larger sum. But when forty congregations are directly interested, indeed the whole Church, it ought to be possible to secure to Sustentation treasury the money needed for this important work.

Your Committee would recommend:

First: That all congregations, with settled pastors, or with stated supplies for a term of one or more years, seeking aid, should apply to Board of Sustentation.

Second: That the Domestic Mission Board, and the Mission Conference, in making recommendations, be authorized to use their resources in the development of new fields, and in helping unsettled congregations.

Third: That congregations receiving aid, should, as far as possible, support their own pastors, and not unduly tax the Church treasury by paying a disproportionate amount to other causes.

Fourth: That Board of Sustentation is herewith authorized so to arrange its funds, time on schedule of Synodic schemes, data required from Presbyteries and Sessions, that said Board may, as is now done under Domestic Missions, make quarterly payments to congregations drawing from this treasury; without waiting, as heretofore, to make report to Synod.

Fifth: That Synod guarantee, under Sustentation, the deficit shall be paid in full, on basis of "minimum salary."

Sixth: That all pastors be earnestly requested to keep before

their congregations the largely increased needs of Sustentation, and to seek to have a proportion of money, now going to Domestic Mission Funds, diverted to the work of Sustentation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Foster,
Andrew J. McFarland.
Of the Committee.

Report of Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association would respectfully report that during the year closed we have held twenty-seven meetings in the interest of the Aged People's Home, four regular and two special meetings of the Association, nine Directors' and twelve Managers' meetings. The Permanent committees have attended faithfully to their duties.

The Sabbath Service Committee desired to have services at the Home every Sabbath day, but it was not possible. During the summer months there were few opportunities of securing a preacher, but they were able to have preaching once a month at the Home and were authorized by the Board of Managers to provide a carriage once a month to convey the inmates to church. After the opening of the Seminary we had services twice a month. On these occasions services were conducted by the students and professors in the Seminary, resident pastors and ministers visiting in the city. The Wednesday evening prayer meetings are led by friends who come in, and by the students, who take turns during the winter season in meeting with them.

Since the last report three inmates have been admitted, Mrs. Mary Cook, of New Galillee; Miss S. E. Gemmell, of Central Allegheny, and Mrs. S. B. Magee, of Allegheny.

We have but one death to record during the year, that of Miss Mary McMillan, of Cedarville, O. Since the founding of the Home there has been but one withdrawal. Miss S. J. Davis, after spending the winter of 1902 in the Home, decided that the location was detrimental to her condition of health, and returned to the place of her former abode.

There are at present, and have been for years, several names on the Waiting List, but lack of room has made it impossible for us to accommodate all who have applied for admission.

This has been the most discouraging feature of the work, and on account of the crowded condition of the Home the Association decided to remodel a building on the rear of the Home property to contain seven rooms and bath, which can be used for inmates,

or, if necessary, rented or sold to advantage, the money for this purpose being raised by special donations.

We have complied with the request of Synod of 1902, and have amended the Charter so as to read: "That upon any member or director of this Association ceasing to be a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Old School) in good standing, that fact shall cancel his or her membership or directorship in the Association."

We have paid off all debts incident to the Home, including the mortgage and interest, insurance premiums and attorney's fees, and have kept the building in good repair.

We desire to acknowledge the provision made for the Home by the Synod at its last meeting in ordering a collection for the same, and through you to express our thanks to the congregations and persons who responded to this call. While the full amount appropriated was not received, yet the amount contributed has been very helpful.

We again ask you for an appropriation of $1,000, and hope that the members of Synod will bring the matter before their respective congregations so as to secure the whole amount.

We have appointed an Advisory Board, consisting of Mr. R. J. Ward, Mr. A. C. Coulter and Mr. J. M. Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. WARD,

Secretary.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	
Colorado Pres.								
Evans	J. M. Wylie	Evans, Colo., Box 217	5	5	11	1	91	1
Denver		A F.Atchison, 369 Grant av., Denver	2	2	5	9	47	2
La Junta	Samuel Edgar, *e*	La Junta, Col.	3	3	1	9	50	3
Seattle	T. M. Slater, *e*	1701 Terry ave., Seattle, Wash	4	2	3	3	64	4
Los Angeles*	P. J. McDonald, S. S.	1010 E.Washington st., Los Angeles	2	2	27	....	27	5
Canon City†		D. K. Wilson, Canon City, Col.	2	3	17	....	17	6
Oakland M. S	Isaiah Faris, S. S.	307 Eighth st., Oakland, Cal.	..	..	....	3	9	7
.....	J. T. Wilson	Canon City, Colo.	..	..	....	....	.....	8
.....	H. B. McMillan	Apache, O. T.	..	..	....	....	.....	6
.....	James Patton	Canonsburg, Pa.	..	..	....	....	.....	10
.....	J. M. Armour	123 Melrose ave., Seattle, Wash.	..	..	....	....	.....	11
.....	J. K. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, China	..	..	....	....	.....	12
.....	A. M. Thompson	Geelong, Australia	..	..	....	....	....	13
.....	T. H. Acheson	515 South Pearl st., Denver, Colo.	..	..	....	....	.....	14
No. of Congs, 6	No. of Ministers, 10	Totals	18	17	64	25	308	
Illinois Pres.								
Bethel	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill.	4	3	1	4	56	15
Oakdale	J. C. French	Oakdale, Ill.	7	6	3	3	187	16
Old Bethel	E. A. Crooks	Houston, Ill.	5	5	8	9	147	17
Church Hill		R. K. Wisely, Coulterville, Ill.	5	7	3	18	65	18
Staunton	G. W. Benn	Staunton, Ill.	2	2	2	3	29	19
Princeton	D. C. Mathews.	E. State st., Princeton, Ind.	4	5	1	....	69	20
Bloomington	George R. Steele.	Bloomington, Ind	5	4	1	12	90	21
Selma	S. F. Kingston	511 Union st., Selma, Ala.	5	3	6	1	84	22
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	4512 McMillan ave., St. Louis.	3	4	6	5	48	23
.....	J. G. Reed	Selma, Ala	..	..	....	....	.....	24
No. of Congs., 9	No. of Ministers, 9	Totals	40	39	31	55	775	
Iowa Pres								
Chicago	Robert Clarke	686 East 65th st., Chicago, Ill.	4	1	8	8	42	25
Hickory Grove		D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	2	2	....	....	27	26
Hopkinton	Louis Meyer	Hopkinton, Iowa	3	5	6	8	118	27
Lake Reno	J. R. W. Stevenson	Glenwood, Minn	4	5	11	8	90	28
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull.	Morning Sun, Iowa	5	4	5	7	163	29
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	Wyman, Louisa Co., Iowa	5	4	....	4	41	30
Sharon		A. F. Reid, Morning Sun, Iowa	7	4	3	4	217	31
Vernon	Hugh McCarroll.	Waukesha, Wis., (R. F. D. 4)	3	3	3	6	46	32
Washington	W. C. Allen	Washington, Iowa	3	3	8	8	63	33
.....	Isaiah Faris	Denison, Kansas	..	..	....	....	.....	34
.....	J. M. Littlejohn	286 Warren ave., Chicago, Ill.	..	..	....	....	.....	35
No. of Congs., 9	No. of Ministers, 9	Totals	36	31	44	53	807	
Kansas Pres.								
Beulah	James S. McGaw	Mt. Clare, Neb	5	3	14	2	111	36
Billings	W. C. Paden, S. S.	Billings, Noble Co., O. T.	4	3	13	2	47	37
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers, S. S.	Apache, Caddo Co., O. T.	2	2	13	6	72	38
Clarinda	J. W. Dill	Clarinda, Iowa	4	6	14	9	176	39
Denison	D. H. Elliot, *a*	Denison, Kansas	3	3	4	3	78	40
Eskridge	James McCune	Eskridge, Kansas	6	3	7	6	84	41
Hebron	W. S. Fulton	Idana, Kansas	3	3	....	10	70	42
Holmwood	Robert A. Paden	Mankato, Kansas	4	4	....	....	42	43
Kansas City	A. J. McFarland, Jr.	3118 Campbell st., Kansas City, Mo.	4	3	8	3	54	44
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	Blanchard, Iowa	6	3	5	2	136	45
Olathe	George A. Edgar	Olathe, Kansas	5	6	8	17	158	46
Quinter	G. R. McBurney, S. S.	Quinter, Gove Co., Kansas	4	4	6	2	50	47
Sterling	J. Boggs Dodds, *a*	Sterling, Kansas	5	4	10	2	88	48
Superior	S. J. Johnston	Box 142, Superior, Nebraska	3	1	3	2	50	49
Tabor	Samuel E. Greer.	Morganville, Kansas	4	5	4	4	50	50
Topeka	E. M. Coleman, S. S.	622 Clay st., Topeka, Kansas	2	..	6	4	47	51
Wahoo	M. A. Gault	Wahoo, Nebraska	2	2	....	....	37	52
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	Winchester, Kansas	5	4	2	5	203	53
.....	H. P. McClurkin	912 W. 12th st., Topeka., Kansas	..	..	....	....	.....	54
.....	J. Ralston Wylie	College Springs, Iowa	..	..	....	....	.....	55
No. of Congs., 18	No of Ministers, 19	Totals	71	59	117	79	1553	

Colorado—* Organized March 11. † Organized April 23. *e* Pastor elect.
Kansas—*a* Pastor elect, settlement takes place in June.

	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Mission in China.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total.
1	4	85	42	158	395	48	27	20	7	9	18	25	25	....	9	11	900	436	2088
2	4	120	20	49	102	19	35	16	24	....	....	374	3	1	....	21	539	406	1589
3	....	60	12	86	24	12	16	14	20	6	11	129	12	9	8	8	.....	967	1322
4	....	200*b*	30*c*	20	193	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	579	645	1445
5	4*a*	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	191	217	408
6	5	25	.....	.....	....	.....	2	2	1	....	....	.....	....	1	....	..	57	4	67
7	....	....	.....	.....	9	.....	....	9	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	122	140
8	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
9	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
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	17	548	104	313	723‡	87	80	61	52	15	29	528	40	11	17	40	2266	2797	7059
15	1	40	.....	31	7	9	6	8	5	5	7	6	8	5	6	6	500	215	824
16	8	180	35	35	8	19	89	41	57	20	8	90	27	6	8	6	900	290	1604
17	....	100	25	130	33	31	25	31	15	4	12	88	32	6	7	6	700	331	1451
18	3	20	12	10	15	5	28	20	16	....	5	2	....	....	....	....	420	72	593
19	....	25	.....	29	13	11	8	13	7	5	9	8	23	6	7	5	500	179	823
20	2	55	20	77	27	12	18	22	43	....	14	209	7	16	....	....	700	396	1541
21	2	152	18	155	49	20	107	46	11	11	19	99	21	17	7	4	.....	1005	1571
22	9	120	.....	55	20	12	47	....	5	3	10	10	14	....	3	4	400	8	591
23	4	75	12	17	10	7	4	4	....	1	4	5	8	2	5	....	600	1163	1830
24	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
	29	767	122	539	182	126	332	185	159	49	88	517	140	58	43	31	4720	3659	10828
25	2	174*c*	.....	55	20	25	15	10	10	3	15	20	30	5	5	5	400	1126	1744
26	....	45	.....	12	4	5	....	3	4	11	....	.....	4	2	3	3	.....	227	278
27	4	95	32	269	25	20	61	21	15	9	7	229*b*	19	14	5	11	807	338	1850
28	4	62	25	45	37	6	24	14	12	4	3	235	31	3	3	4	600*a*	236	1257
29	5	149	42	263	127	130	143	69	25	....	39	855	83	22	15	13	1010	520	3314
30	1	40	15	135	38	110	22	44	5	4	9	18	32	6	5	6	530	270	1234
31	6	185	42	597	80	45	126	146	57	16	12	250	47	18	9	13	1000	801	3217
32	....	50	15	78	17	24	25	23	10	14	11	6	16	8	6	7	500	200	945
33	....	50	25	99	41	19	95	60	5	4	10	.....	29	....	7	9	618	245	1241
34	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
35	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
	22	850	196	1553	389	384	511	390	143	65	106	1613	291	78	58	71	5465	3963	15080
36	4	100	30	14	33	3	81*d*	7	2	6	2	4	12	5	3	4	718	1125*h*	2019
37	2*b*	75	30	26	9	10	7	24	8	6	8	7	14	7	3	3	420	92	644
38	13*c*	182	.....	25	45	25	10	17	7	10	7	.....	7	10	....	....	134	110	407
39	6	210	55	158	61	30	156	37	18	21	33	18	64	22	12	10	800	782	2222
40	3	70	.....	55	27	32	107	76	79	10	4	14	18	13	3	3	.....	748	1189
41	3	95	15	67	45	21	107*e*	9	16	5	4	23	16	7	2	4	600	234	1160
42	3	60	.....	21	....	8	31*b*	12	....	....	....	.....	....	....	5	6	372	63	518
43	3	60	10	18	7	5	5	7	5	3	2	.....	4	3	1	2	226	.....	288
44	....	80	50	19	16	5	65	7	5	3	7	13	12	4	4	1	650	389	1200
45	5	120	25	132	73	68	80	36	17	37	20	172	28	39	8	16	750	371	1847
46	4*b*	160	20	172	98	38	162	50	23	14	20	1358	50	20	10	16	800	1685	4516
47	1	70	.....	40	18	8	15	28	10	2	13	7	13	8	3	2	200	192	559
48	....	80	35	92	41	16	106	40	21	9	11	30	21	11	2	5	.....	921	1326
49	....	42	20	19	10	8	12	17	4	4	7	113	2	6	2	4	450	60	718
50	3	50	20	24	10	8	7	7	....	....	10	.....	2	....	3	2	400	201	674
51	1	....	.....	21	9	7	8	10	4	2	5	271	7	3	1	2	306	145	801
52	1	50	12	13	32	8	3	4	2	3	4	3	2	4	4	4	300	7	393
53	2	....	.....	200	95	36	184†	50	24	20	35	10027	33	23	13	....	993	402	12135
54	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
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	54	1504	322	1116	629	332	1146	438	245	155	192	12060	305	185	79	84	8119	75 7	32616

Colorado—*b* Last year's report. *c* Last year's report. ‡ Includes salary of Dr. Kate McBurney. *e* Pastor elect. Iowa—*c* 26 in Home Department. *b* Applied at home. *a* With a free manse. Kansas—*b* One adult *c* Six adults. *d* $76 for Industrial b'ld'g. *e* $87 for Industrial b'ld'g. *b* $31 for Industrial b'ld'g. † $100 for Industrial b'ld'g. *h* $925 for building parsonage.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	
Lakes Pres.								
Belle Center	J. M. Faris, S. S.	Cor. J. Mitchell, Belle Center, O.	3	..	4	2	32	1
Bellefontaine	.....	Bellefontaine, O.	3	..	2	2	36	2
Cedar Lake	C. McLeod Smith	Ray, Indiana	4	4	2	2	131	3
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	Cedarville, O	3	3	2	1	45	4
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	7 W. Ninth St., Cincinnati, O.	3	4	1	5	51	5
Fair Grove	T. C Sproull	Fair Grove, Mich	3	4	4	2	53	6
Hetherton	E. G. Elsey	Hetherton, Mich	4	4	25	....	60	7
Southfield	H. G. Patterson *	Birmingham, Mich	4	4	1	5	87	8
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Bellefontaine, O , R. F. D., No. 4	5	4	1	11	131	9
.....	J. McCracken	York, N. Y	..	..	....	....	.....	10
No. of Congs., 9	No. of Ministers 8	Totals	32	27	42	30	626	
N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia Pres.								
Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	3	..	....	5	71	11
St. John	W. T. K. Thompson	398 Main Street, St. John, N. B.	3	..	1	....	28	12
Barnesville	W. T. K. Thompson	398 Main Street, St. John, N. B.	3	..	....	4	31	13
No. of Congs., 3	No. of Ministers 2	Totals	9	..	1	9	130	
New York Pres.								
First Boston	Samuel McNaugher	40 Dana st., Cambridge, Mass.	5	6	12	20	215	14
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell st , Boston	4	4	2	7	68	15
Bovina	.....	J. A. Russell, Bovina Centre, N. Y.	5	3	3	5	73	16
Brooklyn.†	Wm. McLeod George	.....	4	4	4	2	67	17
Cambridge	.....	T. McCloskey, 38 Bow st.,Somerville	5	5	6	6	68	18
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Coldenham, N. Y	5	4	1	1	59	19
Kortright	.....	Wm, Orr, So. Kortright, N. Y	2	1	....	3	22	20
First Newburgh	John W. F. Carlisle	284 Liberty st., Newburgh, N. Y.	2	3	9	8	162	21
Second Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y	3	4	8	5	163	22
Second New York	R. M' Sommerville	327 W. 56th st., N. Y	10	8	24	10	298	23
Third New York	F. M. Foster	345 W. 29th st., N. Y	9	6	13	13	174	24
Fourth New York	I. A. Blackwood	527 W. 124th st., N. Y	6	6	4	4	91	25
Walton	R. C. Reed,	Walton, N. Y	4	6	9	7	102	26
West Hebron	T. A. McElwain	West Hebron, Washington co., N. Y	3	1	1	....	30	27
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	White Lake, Sullivan co., N. Y	4	2	....	....	53	28
.....	T. A. Rusk	362 W 168th st., N. Y	..	..	....	....	.....	29
.....	S. R. Wallace	526 Monroe st., Brooklyn, N. Y.	..	..	....	....	.....	30
.....	A. I. Robb	Canton, China	..	..	....	....	.....	31
.....	S. G. Shaw	45 Antrim st., Cambridge, Mass.	..	..	....	....	.....	32
No. of Congs., 15	No. of Ministers 17	Totals	71	63	96	91	1645	
Ohio Pres.								
Jonathan's Creek	J. C. Slater	White Cottage, O	2	3	1	3	40	33
Londonderry	.....	J. E. Morrison, Freeport, O	4	..	....	3	38	34
Musk'g'm, Tomica	.....	James Stitt, Frazeysburg, O.	3	..	....	....	17	35
New Concord	A. A. Samson	New Concord, O	3	5	4	10	94	36
North Salem	.....	W. P. Adams, Sugar Tree, O.	2	..	....	....	7	37
Utica	.....	R. A. Adams, Utica, O	2	5	....	2	68	38
Mansfield, M. S.	.....	.....	1	1	....	1	32	39
.....	P. H. Wylie	New Concord, O	..	..	....	....	.....	40
No. of Congs., 6	No. of Ministers 3	Totals	17	14	5	19	296	
Philadelphia Pres.								
First Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	1233 S. 47th st., Philadelphia	3	6	12	12	160	41
Second Phila	J. C. McFeeters	1511 Christian st., Philadelphia	7	..	15	25	237	42
Third Phila	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna ave., Phila	8	5	6	8	152	43
Conococheague M.S	.....	J. D. Kennedy, Green Castle, Pa	1	..	....	1	12	44
Baltimore *	.....	John Wright, 1041 Hillen st., Balti.	3	..	....	....	19	45
.....	Moses Greenberg	900 South 5th st , Philadelphia	..	..	....	....	.....	46
.....	A. W. Johnston	Northwood, Ohio	..	..	....	....	.....	47
.....	E. F. Sherman	Sewell, Gloucester co., N. J.	..	..	....	....	.....	48
No. of Congs., 4	No. of Ministers 6	Totals	22	11	33	46	580	

Lakes—* Pastor elect. New York—(† Additional Literary Fund 10. Aged People's Home 45. Student's Fund 14. Geneva College 14.) Philadelphia—* Last year's report.

	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Mission in China	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Minister's Fund.	Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total.
1	....	30	.....	56	24	20	11	8	4	3	5	5	3	1	5	2	305	180	632
2	....	18	.....	26	12	12	6	8	6	5	9	5	4	6	3	3	250	110	465
3	4	108	25	86	18	35	100	20	7	5	19	9	42	7	3	4	800	989	2144
4	1*a*	50	18	72	24	28	18	16	11	5	18	13	18	14	6	6	463	100	812
5	1	65	15	85	28	6	16	7	3	6	30	60	34	7	3	6	1000	334	1625
6	....	61	.....	37	7	24	9	8	....	....	4	.....	7	5	5	7	300	73	486
7	2	73	40	17	9	....	....	3	....	2	2	400	6	11	2	3	204	45	704
8	....	75	17	52	.....	41	8	13	....	....	....	18	2	11	....	....	414	143	702
9	6	119	75	188	37	33	65	41	20	....	25	17	13	14	13	8	800	419	1693
10	...	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
	14	599	190	619	159	199	233	124	51	26	112	527	129	76	40	39	4536	2393	9263
11	....	25	.....	70	30	20	10	10	10	6	4	3	2	1	5	5	440	70	686
12	....	....	.....	37	8	14	6	17	2	1	3	31	....	2	1	1	600	303	1026
13	....	30	35	5	.....	....	....	8	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	2	250	52	317
	....	55	35	112	38	34	16	35	12	7	7	34	2	3	6	8	1290	445	2029
14	2	100	50	125	.....	19	....	....	....	....	....	1815	10	....	....	....	1600	818	4387
15	2	40	.....	60	11	3	5	5	2	4	2	28	150	60	2	3	1200	733	2268
16	1	50	20	116	71	31	26	25	13	8	36	89	26	21	8	10	654	314	1448
17	1	65	34	117	40	40	34	34	17	14	48	34	34	27	10	14	1104	818	2385
18	...	68	30	30	23	24	22	7	5	....	4	36	2	....	5	4	1060	370	1592
19	1	60	.....	25	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	400	104	550
20	....	15	.....	30	22	6	....	16	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	....	.....	205	288
21	4	120	85	326	12	25	32	40	58	....	....	250	....	....	....	....	1500	1036	3279
22	4	100	.....	75	.....	100	20	....	25	....	....	75	25	....	....	....	1200	600	2120
23	10*	288	39	4203	1518	502	447	347	167	132	2802	3136	876	....	119	159	3000	5641	23049
24	8	170	37	370	58	55	41	32	23	18	28	19	18	21	12	13	2500	2278	5486
25	3	100	20	25	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	1200	989	2214
26	2	80	.....	80	61	35	58	15	6	....	14	.....	13	4	10	3	800	225	1324
27	1	24	12	25	10	10	10	11	5	3	10	3	7	7	3	3	350	143	600
28	1	30	.....	15	6	10	6	19	4	4	10	6	6	4	10	9	500	212	821
29	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
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	40	1310	327	5622	1836	861	703	552	326	184	2955	5501	1170	147	181	219	17068	14486	51811
33	1	40	.....	50	20	24	33	27	7	7	19	14	28	26	6	7	500	69	837
34	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	150	25	175
35	1	....	.....	9	3	5	3	2	2	3	2	.....	2	3	2	....	152	55	243
36	2	50	32	55	19	20	21	26	9	3	3	141	41	6	6	5	600	347	1302
37	....	....	.....	3	2	2	2	2	2	....	....	.....	2	....	....	....	.....	.....	15
38	2	45	25	110	14	....	16	21	....	....	6	325	25	10	5	....	510	175	1217
39	1	23	15	13	8	7	6	6	5	....	5	.....	3	....	2	3	300	3	361
40	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
	7	158	72	240	66	58	81	84	25	13	35	480	101	45	21	15	2212	674	4150
41	3	70	50	1225	1203	59	51	58	29	12	51	36	116	29	12	16	1377	1786	6060
42	4	164	20	650	51	38	23	29	17	35	18	497	32	22	11	11	2000	1610	5044
43	3	140	50	6765*	4028†	46	44	42	43	15	12	2550‡	20	8	4	4	1600	2000	17181
44	....	....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70⅔	9	92
45	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
46	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
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	10	374	120	8641	5283	144	119	130	90	63	82	3084	169	60	28	32	5047	5405	28377

Lakes—*a* Adult. New York—* 3 Adults. Philadelphia—* Estate of Elizabeth Steele $6,592.
† Estate of Elizabeth Steele $3,000. ‡New Church Building $2540. ⅔ Supplies.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	
Pittsburg Pres.								
Ad'msv'le, Md'letn	R. J. G. McKnight	Mercer, Pa	4	..	4	10	40	1
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	1205 Boyle st., Allegheny, Pa	4	..	14	14	137	2
Bear Run, Mahon'g	E. M. Elsey	Punxsutawney, Pa	5	..	....	....	50	3
Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	Punxsutawney, Pa	2	..	....	....	32	4
First Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	1005 8th ave, Beaver Falls, Pa	7	5	7	12	86	5
Br'kland, M'nch'r		H. S. Steele, Ingleside, Pa	2	..	....	1	29	6
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	122 East North ave, Allegheny, Pa.	7	..	13	13	174	7
Centerville, M. S.	J. R. Latimer, S. S	Rose Point, Lawrence county, Pa.	....	..	....	....	6	8
Clarksburg		Robt. Henry, Saltsburg, Pa., R. D. 1	2	2	3	2	21	9
College Hill	R. H. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa	7	6	7	13	112	10
East End	D. C. Martin	401 N. Highland ave, Pittsburg, Pa.	4	5	7	6	66	11
Geneva	H. G. Foster	3005 College ave, Beaver Falls, Pa.	7	9	4	7	136	12
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie	New Galilee, Pa	6	4	6	1	84	13
M'Keesp't, Mon'la	B. M. Sharp	427 Penny ave, McKeesport, Pa	4	2	3	4	52	14
Mercer	W. J. McKnight	Mercer, Pa	4	5	1	....	54	15
Millers Run	S. G. Conner	Canonsburg, Pa., R. D. 38	3	..	5	4	60	16
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa	5	2	8	6	137	17
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak ave., New Castle, Pa	8	6	11	10	216	18
North Union		D N. Crowe, Renfrew, Pa	2	3	....	4	28	19
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	405 Park ave., Warren, Ohio	2	3	....	....	17	20
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	2	..	1	1	24	21
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	4	3	2	8	54	22
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	Parnassus, Pa	6	4	1	1	67	23
Pittsburgh	D. McAllister	8 Lafayette ave., Allegheny, Pa.	8	4	5	9	223	24
Salem		Robert Campbell, Baxter, Pa.	2	1	....	....	17	25
Slippery Rock	J R. Latimer	Rose Point, Lawrence co., Pa	6	3	3	6	56	26
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	810 S. ave., Station D, Pittsburg, Pa	5	..	10	13	139	27
Youngstown	E. L. McKnight	1039 Orange st., Youngstown, O	5	2	6	3	54	28
.....	R. C. Allen	Grove, City, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	29
.....	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	30
.....	J. R. Baird	Indiana, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	31
.....	J. F. Crozier	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	32
.....	R. J. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor	....	..	....	....	.....	33
.....	C. A. Dodds	Suadia, Syria	....	..	....	....	.....	34
.....	H. Easson	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	35
.....	J. C. K. Faris	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	36
.....	John Galbraith	Mars, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	37
.....	H. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	38
.....	R. J. George	Arch st., Allegheny, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	39
.....	W. P. Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	40
.....	George Kennedy	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	41
.....	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	42
.....	J. J. McClurkin	New Alexandria, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	43
.....	J. L. McCartney	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	44
.....	R. J. McIsaac	Beaver Falls, Pa	....	..	....	....	.....	45
.....	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wisconsin	....	..	....	....	.....	46
.....	D. J. Shaw	New Alexandria	....	..	....	....	.....	47
.....	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria	....	..	....	....	.....	48
.....	D. B. Wilson	Buena Vista st., Allegheny, Pa.	....	..	....	....	.....	49
No. of Congs., 27	No. of Ministers, 42	Totals	123	69	121	148	2171	
Rochester Pres.								
Almonte	P. P. Boyd	Almonte, Ontario, Canada	3	2	....	....	59	50
Lisbon		Wm. Robson, Lisbon Centre, N. Y.	3	1	....	3	40	51
Lochiel	Wilmer G. Robb †	Brodie, Ontario, Canada	4	2	8	....	36	52
Sterling		Hugh Dugan, Sterling, N. Y.	1	3	....	3	20	53
Syracuse	G. M. Robb	204 Lafayette ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	3	3	2	8	69	54
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y	4	..	6	4	96	55
.....	Wm. McFarland	102 E. Colvin st., Syracuse, N. Y.	....	..	....	....	.....	56
No. of Congs., 6	No. of Ministers 5	Totals	18	11	16	18	320	
Vermont Pres.								
Barnet	D. C. Faris	Groton, Vermont, R. D. 1	4	3	4	....	59	57
Craftsburg	J. C. Taylor	East Craftsbury, Vermont	4	2	....	2	54	58
Ryegate		R. H. Gates, South Ryegate, Vt.	2	1	....	3	18	59
No. of Congs., 3	No. of Ministers 2	Totals	10	6	4	5	131	

Rochester— † Ordained since last Synod.

	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Mission in China.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows & Orphans' Fund.	Salary paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total.
1	....	....	.....	23	5	10	7	12	5	7	5	5	....	5	3	....	400	386*e*	873
2	2*	150	25	426	152	200	81	304	71	112*c*	102	251	72	76	34	29	1600	1308*d*	4818
3	3	....	22	53	16	.....	21	20	9	2	7	35	7	29	3	4	356	12	574
4	1	10	.....	6	4	2	7	16	1	....	....	.....	....	....	1	1	160	.....	198
5	2*	180	20	90	23	36	61	57	29	4	5	18	22	11	3	9	1000	687	2055
6	....	....	.....	5	5	.....	....	....	5	....	....	.....	....	5	....	....	162	4	186
7	3	410	.....	95	13	4	12	93	6	5	5	2	12	2	3	4	2000	1721*j*	3977
8	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	50	.....	50
9	...	....	.....	12	....	4	....	4	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	140*l*	20	180
10	7*g*	291	98	242	129	77	57	72	42	7	19	50	121	7	4	6	1000	698*h*	2531
11	....	62	.....	146	62	38	34	89	24	34	15	2459	15	25	33	14	800	700	4488
12	4	335	40	194	60	67	28	104	44	5	42	43	10	47	14	16	1100	1268*k*	3042
13	2	75	20	82	16	32	23	29	19	19	11	8	98	11	17	8	800	205	1378
14	1	26	.....	47	11	31	9	27	6	16	11	109	26	12	19	4	500	273	1101
15	1	30	.....	45	24	37	13	48	16	7	30	10	7	43	5	6	600	143*b*	1034
16	2	60	.....	91	37	37	31	180	15	22	44	31	31	25	9	12	800	725	2090
17	2	100	.....	294	71	67	69	87	76	23	53	43	38	32	30	19	900	410	2212
18	3	250	75	373	55	175	67	52	47	11	8	269	78	4	3	7	1200	577	2926
19	....	20	.....	10	....	.....	....	16	....	....	....	6	....	5	...	....	.....	275	312
20	....	25	.....	30	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	21	110	....	5	5	150	100*i*	421
21	1	24	.....	9	3	3	4	3	2	....	....	.....	6	....	....	....	177	26	233
22	....	70	.....	43	9	11	13	14	6	1	3	14	23	2	1	1	359	138	638
23	1	45	25	114	69	24	46	75	43	9	32	196	170	21	10	11	900	2253	3973
24	7*m*	300	130	652	55	178	87	167	69	12	3	359	549	5	8	25	2500	3472	8141
25	....	....	.....	10	10	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	2	22
26	1	85	.....	86	99	17	33	117	41	1	16	10	24	35	7	5	500	179	1170
27	5	162*s*	47	394	93	207	98	227	57	25	100	190	196	62	24	32	1900	1510	5115
28	3	70	20	25	10	19	4	17	4	6	3	468	9	17	1	1	550	225	1359
29	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
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	51	2780	522	3597	1031	1276	805	1830	637	328	514	4597	1624	481	237	219	20604	17317	55097
50	5	60	.....	60	20	22	16	18	9	5	20	10	11	6	6	7	500	290	1000
51	....	25	.....	11	5	.....	3	8	....	3	....	.....	....	....	2	....	345	.....	377
52	4	27	.....	21	10	10	9	9	5	3	9	3	....	7	3	3	.....	..	92
53	....	30	.....	20	12	8	15	20	9	....	15	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	462	561
54	....	60	25	66	18	13	11	12	9	11	11	9	5	9	4	4	546	220	948
55	1	85	22	81	21	17	23	14	8	19	16	40	15	10	5	10	800‡	338	1417
56	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
	10	287	47	259	86	70	77	81	40	41	71	62	31	32	20	24	2191	1310	4395
57	1	99	.....	68	26	14	25	17	30	9	16	19	13	11	6	7	400	130	791
58	1	90	.....	53	25	3	12	16	44	7	2	4	9	8	8	8	536	96	831
59	....	....	.....	29	10	14	11	9	6	3	4	.....	7	5	3	4	.....	69	174
	2	189	.....	150	61	31	48	42	80	19	22	23	29	24	17	19	936	295	1796

New York— * Adults, 1. *s* Chinamen, 32. *g* Adults, 2. *i* Sabbath Reform. *e* Aged People's Home, 10, Home Mission, 3. *h* Geneva College, 6, Students Aid, 5. *b* Geneva College, 8. *c* Theol. Semi. and Geneva College. *d* Aged People's Home, 102. *m* Adults, 2 *j* R. P. W. Asso., Home for Aged, $202, Traveling Fund, 56. *k* Ladies M. S., 315. *l* Supplies. Rochester— ‡ Including Manse. Vermont— * Free parsonage.

PRESBYTERIES.	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	
New Brunswick & Nova Scotia	3	2	9	.....	1	9	130	.....	55	35	1
Iowa	9	9	36	31	44	53	807	22	850	196	2
Lakes	9	8	32	27	42	30	626	14	599	190	3
Kansas	18	19	71	59	117	79	1553	54	1504	322	4
Pittsburg	27	42	123	69	121	148	2171	51	2780	522	5
Ohio	6	3	17	14	5	19	296	7	158	72	6
Colorado	6	9	18	17	64	25	308	17	548	104	7
Vermont	3	2	10	6	4	5	131	2	189	.....	8
Philadelphia	4	6	22	11	33	46	580	10	374	120	9
Rochester	5	5	18	11	16	18	320	10	287	47	10
New York	15	17	71	63	96	91	1645	40	1310	327	11
Illinois	9	9	40	39	31	55	775	29	767	122	12
Syrian Commission*	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	332	.....	.....	.....	13
Mission in China	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	14
Totals	116	132	467	347	583	578	9687	256	9421	2057	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	Syrian Mission.	Mission in China.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	Total
1	112	38	34	16	35	12	7	7	34	2	3	6	8	1290	425	2029
2	1553	389	384	511	390	143	65	106	1613	291	78	58	71	5465	3963	15080
3	619	159	199	233	124	51	26	112	527	129	76	40	39	4536	2393	9263
4	1116	629	332	1146	438	245	155	192	12060	305	185	79	84	8119	7527	32612
5	3597	1031	1276	805	1830	637	328	514	4597	1624	481	237	219	20604	17317	55097
6	240	66	58	81	84	25	13	35	480	101	45	21	15	2212	674	4150
7	313	723	87	80	61	52	15	29	528	40	11	17	40	2266	2797	7059
8	150	61	31	48	42	80	19	22	23	29	24	17	19	936	295	1796
9	8641	5283	144	119	130	90	63	82	3084	169	60	28	32	5047	5405	28377
10	259	86	70	77	81	40	41	71	62	31	32	20	24	2191	1310	4395
11	5622	1836	861	703	552	326	184	2955	5501	1170	147	181	219	17068	14486	51811
12	539	182	126	332	185	159	49	88	517	140	58	43	31	4720	3659	10828
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	22761	10483	3602	4151	3952	1860	965	4213	29026	4031	1200	747	801	74454	60251	222497

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